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May this New Year be filled with health and happiness for you and your family.

Meng Joins Governor Hochul For Signing of Lunar New Year Holiday Bill



NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul signing is joined by Assemblyman Ron Kim, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Assemblywoman Grace Lee, Assemblyman Zohran K. Mamdani, NYS Senator John Liu, NYS Senator Iwen Chu, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar and Assemblyman William Colton's chief of staff, Susan Zhuang.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), First Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, today joined New York Governor Kathy Hochul as the Governor signed legislation declaring Lunar New Year a public school holiday in New York State.

"It was an honor to join Governor Hochul as she signed this historic bill and I applaud her for making it the law of the land in our state," said Meng. "When I was in the State Assembly in 2009, I led

the bill to establish a New York City school holiday for Lunar New Year, and I remember how people laughed at it. There were so many naysayers who told me that it would never happen. Now, look at how far we have come. I am proud of the work I have done to help get us to this point and I thank all who played a role as well. And in Congress, I am continuing the fight by pushing legislation I authored that would make Lunar New Year a federal holiday."

Council Member Francisco Moya Distribute Thousands of Backpacks



Council Member Moya at the Back-to-School event outside his district office in Corona. Photo by Gerardo Romo /NYC Council. See story on page 6.

SCA Opens Ten New School Buildings For The 2023-2024 School Year



SCA President and CEO Nina Kubota, Schools Chancellor David Banks Cut Ribbon at Cardozo High School Annex to Celebrate the Addition of More than 4,400 New School Seats Citywide

New York City School Construction Authority President and CEO Nina Kubota joined NYC Public Schools Chancellor David Banks and other school and elect-

ed officials at the new, 795-seat annex at Benjamin N. Cardozo High School today to mark the start of the new school year and celebrate the successful comple-

tion of ten new schools/additions that will add 4,422 much-needed seats throughout the City for the

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2023-2024 school year.

Despite COVID-related challenges, each location opened on schedule as part of the City's commitment to add 45,000 seats citywide over the span of the SCA's 2020-2024 Capital Plan. The current \$19.4 billion plan is investing in New York City's future, continuing to create and improve the school buildings and facilities that the City's children need and deserve.

"Today marks the start of a new school year and the culmination of years of dedicated work by the SCA to bring these school buildings online, adding new seats and providing our students with amenities ranging from mock court rooms and media centers to the latest state-of-the-art science labs and technology that bring a culture of learning and future success," said Nina Kubota, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City School Construction Authority. "And while we're wrapping up our current 2020-2024 Capital Plan, I look forward to working with Mayor Adams, Chancellor Banks, City Council and our other key stakeholders on our next Capital Plan that will build upon everything we have been able to accomplish so far."

Schools Chancellor David C. Banks said: "Our school buildings are pillars of each and every community that we serve. These buildings bring together staff, students, families, and neighbors alike. These ten new buildings are prime to ensure that we meet the needs of these communities and families to a greater degree. They are also a reflection of the collaborative work within and between NYC Public Schools, our SCA partners, our school communities, and our community leaders."

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards said: "I can think of no better way to mark the first day of the school year than by opening this new annex at one of the best high schools you'll find anywhere in Queens. Thank you so much to SCA President and CEO Nina Kubota, to NYC Public Schools Chancellor David Banks, and to everyone who worked so hard to get this annex, and nine other major school projects across the city, ready in time for the start of the school year. Your work is a reflection of your dedication and commitment to serving our city's students, who deserve nothing but the best from us."

Member of Congress Grace Meng said: "I am thrilled to attend and commemorate the opening of this new annex at Benjamin Cardozo High School, and I am excited to see local students benefit from this modern facility that will help them learn and grow. I thank all who worked to make this happen. We must address overcrowding in our schools, and I look forward to the annex helping to alleviate the problem at Cardozo High School."

Council Member Linda Lee said: "Benjamin Cardozo High School has provided students with quality educational experiences

for generations. Today, we unveil a brand-new state-of-the-art annex which will not only remedy some of the most severe overcrowding we have seen in Eastern Queens but show our City's investment in creating fully accessible workspaces to prioritize the success of our future leaders. Our students and teachers have endured many challenges over the past few years, grappling with the stresses of the pandemic and remote learning. I am proud to join my colleagues to celebrate the advancement of our educational infrastructure, and I want to thank former Council Member Barry Grodenchik, and the School Construction Authority for their work and advocacy for the betterment of our Eastern Queens school communities."

State Senator John Liu said: "For decades, our students and teachers have endured overcrowded classrooms not just here at Cardozo High School, but all around NYC. Research shows that smaller class sizes lead to improved student outcomes in every measurable metric from test scores, classroom engagement, student behavior, attendance, and graduation rates. This annex is a tremendous addition to the Cardozo High School community that will provide needed relief to the students and flexibility for teachers. Many thanks to NYC Public Schools, SCA, and all the students, staff and families of Cardozo for working together to make this important expansion happen. Now let's be sure to build on this momentum to expand even more schools that are at or over capacity so that all our students can have access to a sound, basic education."

Assembly Member Edward Braunstein said: "I am pleased to join the Benjamin N. Cardozo High School community in celebrating the completion of the new annex, which will alleviate overcrowding. The annex also creates the space to offer expanded educational opportunities to students, furthering Cardozo's longstanding reputation of academic excellence. I thank the School Construction Authority for their hard work on the eagerly anticipated annex, which will benefit the community for generations to come."

2023 Openings
Cardozo High School Annex
 -- 795 seats
 221-15 58th Avenue, District 78, Queens

The Cardozo High School Annex is a fully air-conditioned, accessible four-story building providing 25 standard classrooms and two special education classrooms for grades 9-12. The new annex includes reading and speech resource rooms, science lab and prep rooms, a robotics lab, a mock court room, production and media center, supervisory offices, principal's office, and a teachers' work room. Designed by the SCA, construction began in August 2019 after a \$47.8 million contract was awarded to Arnell Construction.

I.S. 429 -- 725 seats
 47-10 Barnett Avenue, District 30, Queens
 I.S. 429 is a fully air-con-

ditioned, accessible five-story school building providing 24 standard classrooms and two special education classrooms for grades 6-8. The new school includes reading, speech, science labs and prep rooms, art classrooms, a music suite, library, gymnasium, exercise room, medical, guidance, and administrative suites, staff lunch and conference room, parent room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed by the SCA, construction began in September 2019 after a \$68.9 million contract for the new school was awarded to Navillus Tile.

P.S. 593 -- 463 seats
 140 Beach 112th Street, District 27, Queens

P.S. 593, the Waterside Children's School, is a fully air-conditioned, accessible, three-story leased school building providing two pre-k classrooms, four kindergarten classrooms, 16 standard classrooms, and two special education classrooms for grades pre-k-5. The new school includes reading, speech and science rooms, art and music classrooms, a library, gymnasium, medical, guidance and administrative suites, staff lunch and conference room, a parent/community room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed by Salem & Giacalone Architects, construction began in June 2022.

P.S. 46 Addition -- 435 seats
 64-45 218th Street, District 26, Queens

The addition at P.S. 46 is a fully air-conditioned, accessible three-story building providing two pre-k classrooms, one kindergarten classroom, 12 standard classrooms, and seven special education classrooms for grades pre-k-5. The new addition includes reading and speech rooms, science, art, and music classrooms, a library, medical suite, supervisory offices and an administrative suite, a parent room, and kitchen and cafeteria. Designed by Kliment Halsband Architects, construction began in February 2020 after a \$45.4 million contract was awarded to Navillus Tile.

P.S. 206 Addition -- 392 seats
 61-01 97th Place, District 28, Queens

The addition at P.S. 206, the Horace Harding School, is a fully air-conditioned, accessible threestory building providing two pre-k classrooms, six kindergarten classrooms, 10 standard classrooms, and one special education classroom for grades pre-k-5. The new addition includes two reading/speech rooms, exercise room, and a kitchen and cafeteria. Designed by CTA Architects, construction began in October 2019 after a \$39.4 million contract was awarded to Technico Construction Services.

Jonas Bronck Academy -- 380 seats
 400 East Fordham Road, District 10, Bronx

The 3rd floor lease expansion at the Jonas Bronck Academy features 14 standard classrooms and one special education classroom for grades 6-8. The new

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expansion includes reading/speech rooms, a computer room, science lab and prep room, exercise room, teachers' work room, parent/community room, medical suite, staff lunchroom, warming kitchen, and student dining area/conference room. Designed by Caples Jefferson Architects, construction began in August 2021 after a \$13.9 million contract was awarded to lanelli Construction.

P.S. 557 -- 332 seats
4302 4th Avenue, District 15, Brooklyn

P.S. 557, the Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School, is a fully air-conditioned, accessible, four-story school building providing 14 standard classrooms and two special education classrooms for grades pre-k-5. The new school includes reading and speech rooms, music classroom and project room, a library, gymnasium, medical, guidance and administrative suites, parent/community room, staff lunch/conference room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed by Rawlings Architects, construction began in November 2019 after a \$47.7 million contract was awarded to Plaza Construction.

P.S. 730 -- 328 seats
4513 8th Avenue, District 15, Brooklyn

P.S. 730, the School of Creativity and Innovation, is a fully air-conditioned, accessible five-story school building providing 12 standard classrooms and two special education classrooms for grades 3-5. The new school includes reading and speech rooms, music classroom and project room, a library, gymnasium, medical, guidance

and administrative suites, parent/community room, staff lunch/conference room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed by RKTB Architects, construction began in April 2019 after a \$47.8 million contract was awarded to the Morganti Group.

P.S. 748 -- 312 seats
424 Albee Square West, District 13, Brooklyn

P.S. 748, the Albee Square Campus, is part of a new, mixed-used high-rise development providing 14 standard classrooms and two special education classrooms for grades pre-k-5. The new school includes reading and speech rooms, music classroom and project room, a library, gymnasium, medical, guidance and administrative suites, parent/community room, staff lunch/conference room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed and constructed by DI Group Architecture, construction began in November 2021 after the award of a \$22.4 million contract.

P.S. 47 -- 260 seats
9 Power Road, District 27, Queens

P.S. 47 is a fully air-conditioned, accessible four-story school building providing one 3K classroom, one pre-k classroom, one kindergarten classroom, nine standard classrooms, and two special education classrooms for grades 3k-8. The replacement building includes reading, speech and science rooms, art and music classrooms, a library, gymnasium, medical, guidance and administrative suites, staff lunch and conference room, parent/community room, kitchen and cafeteria, and outdoor play space. Designed by Purcell Everett Architects, construc-

tion began in November 2021 after a \$49.9 million contract was awarded to Citnalta Construction.

The SCA also continues to add capacity for our youngest students. The current Capital Plan includes \$756 million to expand the 3-K and Pre-K for All Initiatives. This year, the SCA will complete fifteen locations designed for approximately 2,100 early childhood seats. The SCA has brought nearly 16,000 early childhood seats online since the initiative's inception. NYC Public Schools will use these new sites to serve family need, increasing access to Birth-to-Five seats across the city. The services offered and start dates will vary by site.

Since 2014, the SCA has added nearly 71,000 new seats to reduce overcrowding and increase diversity throughout the school system. As part of this effort, the Capital Plan allocates \$317 million for the removal of transportable classroom units (TCU's). Of the original 354 TCU's only 26 remain at seven locations.

As part of the SCA's Public Art for Public Schools program, Public Art for Public Schools installed eight new, site-specific artworks in new buildings this year by artists Béatrice Coron, Justin Kim, Kerry R. Thompson, José Carlos Casado Mancha, Amanda McCavour, Christian Sampson, Destiny Palmer and Val Britton. Artworks were created using a variety of materials including dichroic glass, mirror, metal, digitally printed glass, ceramic pigment on tile and printed aluminum composite.

For additional information on the New York City School Authority, please visit www.nycsca.org

State Supreme Court Justice Phillip Hom Appointed to the Appellate Term Historic milestone for Asian Americans in Queens



Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas has announced the appointment, effective immediately, of Hon. Phillip Hom as Associate Justice of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, Second Department, in the 2nd, 11th and 13th Judicial Districts—the

first Asian American to sit on this appellate bench—which, led by Presiding Justice Wavny Tous-saint, hears appeals from the Civil and Criminal Courts in Kings, Queens and Richmond counties.

"Phil Hom's ascension to the appellate term is another leap forward in his long distinguished career. It is also another milestone for the community as Phil becomes the first Asian American to hold this high level position in New York's court system, at a time when representation in all parts of government matters more than ever," stated New York State Senator John Liu with whom Justice Hom worked closely with for many years as City Council Chief of Staff and Deputy General Counsel to NYC Comptroller.

Elected Officials & Other Leaders Hold Rally to Call Out Those For Unfair Attacks on Mayor Eric Adams Over Migrant Crisis & NYC Budget Cuts



Senator James Sanders Jr., Senator Leroy Comrie, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, clergy, and others held a rally at City Park in Manhattan this afternoon to call out those who have launched unfair attacks on New York City Mayor Eric Adams over comments he made regarding the migrant crisis and budget cuts. Recently, Mayor Adams warned that the City could be "destroyed" if it doesn't get more assistance from the state and the federal governments to cope with the influx of migrants. The migrant crisis is being exploited to divide people and prevent a fair and humane solution to this national problem.

Speakers at the rally included: Senator James Sanders Jr., Chair of the NY State Senate Select Majority Task Force on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises; Senator Leroy Comrie; Senator Kevin Parker; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn; Assemblymember Eddie Gibbs; Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman; Assemblymember David Weprin; Jenifer Rajkumar; Assemblymember Inez Dickens; Ashley Sharpton, National Action Network; Bishop Chantel Wright; and Reverend Patricia Malcolm.

Senator James Sanders Jr. said, "It's time for the state and federal government to step up and provide additional assistance to New York City at this time of crisis. Immigration is primarily a federal issue and yet the federal government is not supporting New York City like it ought to. Mayor Eric Adams is doing the best he can under the circumstances, and he deserves our support to lobby the state and federal government for more aid. The purpose of the additional aid would be to help provide services for immigrants and to prevent major cuts in city agency services that would have a negative impact on everyone."

"New York City has a national crisis on our hands as a sanctuary city that has had over 110,000 asylum seekers come through our system, and we need and deserve national help," says Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn. "We will always defend and protect migrants, but our city will be severely damaged if we face this \$12 billion burden alone. We are already cutting funding to essential services while struggling to provide migrants humane shelter. I join Mayor Eric Adams and my

Queens Elected Officials Launch 21st Annual Senior Appreciation Month & Announce Series of Events

Southeastern Queens elected officials, community based organizations and cultural institutions are proud to collaborate and launch the 21st Annual Senior Appreciation month events at Roy Wilkins Gym (177th St and Baisley Blvd, Jamaica, NY) with an audience of more than 100 seniors from local neighborhoods. Senior Appreciation Month events have been put together through a collaboration of elected officials at multiple levels of government in Queens. The kick-off event will feature guest speakers from Oak Street Health and a performance by the famed Havana Skaters, Yumi Rodriguez and Adrian Martinez.

The calendar of events for Senior Appreciation Month 2023 includes a number of opportunities to attend events including mini-golf, jazz concerts, senior line dancing, a tour of the Queens Botanical Garden, resource fairs, virtual workshops, health fair, Monte Carlo Game Night, and much, much more. Community residents should contact the sponsoring elected official's office to RSVP for an event they are interested in attending. For those currently "to be decided" events, the calendar will be updated with further details as the month progresses

— community residents should reach out to the office sponsoring the event for updates (as events are subject to change) and community residents should stay tuned to elected officials' social media accounts for the most up-to-date information on updates or alterations to the calendar of events.

Senator Leroy Comrie said, "Now in its 21st year, Senior Appreciation Month (SAM) honors the invaluable, lifelong contributions seniors make to our shared communities. In addition to building community and fostering intergenerational connections, Senior Appreciation Month gives us an opportunity to share resources and information. This year's theme, "Give them their flowers while they can smell them", exemplifies our commitment to honoring older adults for their contributions to our neighborhoods and society at large. I am grateful to the numerous colleagues, community partners, volunteers, sponsors, and community residents who make Senior Appreciation Month not only possible but special."

Congressman Gregory Meeks said "We cherish our elders and seniors in our community each day for the outstanding contribu-

tions they have made. As a token of appreciation, I am delighted to join in the Southeast Queens senior festivities in hosting my annual 'Morning at the Movies' on October 3rd, at 9 a.m. at the Jamaica Multiplex Cinema. For more information, please contact my campaign office at 718-883-9800."

Congresswoman Grace Meng said "Senior Appreciation Month is a wonderful month-long celebration and commemoration of the amazing senior community in Queens. I am looking forward to all of the events and the opportunities to spend time with the amazing seniors that have helped build the Queens community and continue helping to ensure it is the amazing borough that they have known and loved for so many years."

Senator James Sanders said "I am proud to recognize Senior Appreciation Month, which will feature many great activities for the golden members of our society. It is important that we as a community recognize our seniors and show our unwavering commitment to them as a thank you for paving the way for the next generation and providing stead-

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New York Blood Center Partners With a Queens Family And Borough Presidents to Spread Awareness About Childhood Cancer

The campaign aims to create awareness about childhood cancer and the importance of blood donations for cancer treatment by hosting blood drives throughout four of the five boroughs

New York Blood Center (NYBC) will be partnering with the Singh Family, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards to spread awareness about childhood cancer and the need for life-saving blood donations for cancer treatment.

King Singh was born with a rare blood disease for which there is no cure and relies on blood donations to keep him alive. He was diagnosed with high risk Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia at the age of two and underwent 3.5 years of daily intense chemotherapy, along with numerous life-saving blood transfusions. The Singh Family has been a long-time advocate for NYBC, hosting blood drives and spreading awareness of the need for blood. They also founded the King Fights Cancer Foundation, which will be hosting a toy drive at each participating blood drive to collect toys to be donated to pediatric patients suffering from cancer or other life-threatening illnesses.

"We are proud to partner with four of New York City's Borough Presidents and the Singh Family this Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to spread awareness about the importance of blood donations in treating children impacted by pediatric cancer," said Andrea Cefarelli, Senior Vice President of New York Blood Center. "The Singh Family has been an incredible advocate for NYBC over the past several years and we are inspired by King's dedication to this cause at such a young age. We highly encourage all New Yorkers to come out, donate blood and bring a toy to donate to a child in need."

"We are truly grateful to the New York Blood Center and all of the incredible New Yorkers who give the gift of life by donating blood," said Shameeza Singh, King Singh's Mother. "If it was not for our selfless community taking the time to donate life-saving blood and platelets that King needed to get to the next phase of his chemotherapy treatment spanning almost four years, he would not be here with us today encouraging others to donate and ensure a fellow warrior has a chance to get through their treatments. Together we can

save lives."

"My good friend King Singh is more than just a survivor and the incredible Singh family are more than just advocates. They are heroes who have impacted countless lives both here in their home borough of Queens and well beyond its borders. It's always been an honor to partner with them and our colleagues at the New York Blood Center to host blood drives over the years — our September 27 iteration is no different," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "King knows better than anyone how just one donation of blood can save a life, and I encourage all our Queens neighbors to come to Borough Hall this Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to give that gift of life to someone in need and keep families whole."

"It's such an honor to team up with New York Blood Center and the Singh family to encourage Brooklynites to help us replenish the city's blood supply," said Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. "Blood transfusions can be lifesaving, and for childhood cancer patients, transfusions are critical to enduring chemotherapy. Ever since COVID, however, our city's blood supply hasn't bounced back, and we need everyone who is able and eligible to donate blood. I hope all of Brooklyn will join me in honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by giving just one hour of their time to donate blood and support our hospitals."

"I encourage every eligible Manhattanite and New Yorker to become a blood donor — do it now and do it consistently. Every time you donate, you save a life," said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. "Our blood supply is critically low, and that puts people like King in jeopardy every day. Donating blood is one of the easiest and most gratifying gifts you can give."

"Donating blood is quick and easy and could potentially save lives," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "Many New Yorkers rely on blood transfusions to survive and the need for blood in our city has only worsened since the pandemic. That is why it is critical to have credible messengers like the Singh family to emphasize the importance of our friends, family, and neighbors donating blood. I want to thank the New York Blood Center and the Singh family for their advocacy and I commend the Singh family for turning their pain into purpose."

The Singh Family will be promoting a blood drive in four of the

five boroughs in partnership with each Borough President, the list of blood drives can be found below.

- Manhattan:
- Peter Cooper Village/Stuy-Town (Election Room, 451 E 14th St, New York, NY 10009), Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
- NYC Health + Hospitals Harlem (506 Lenox Ave New York, NY 10037), Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 11:30am to 5:30pm
- Bronx:
- Manhattan College (Kelly Student Commons, 3900 Waldo Ave, Bronx, NY 10463), Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm
- Brooklyn:
- Brooklyn Donor Center (30 Flatbush Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217), Tuesday, September 26, 2023 to Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 12:30pm to 6:00pm
- Queens:
- Queens Borough Hall (Atrium, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Queens, NY 11424), Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm

To make an appointment at one of these blood drives, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org/kingfightscancer. Can't donate blood? You can still support NYBC's mission by texting 'NYBC' to '20222' to give \$25.

About New York Blood Center: Founded in 1964, New York Blood Center (NYBC) is a non-profit organization that is one of the largest independent, community-based blood centers in the world. NYBC, along with its operating divisions Community Blood Center of Kansas City, Missouri (CBC), Innovative Blood Resources (IBR), Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD), and Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC), collect approximately 4,000 units of blood products each day and serve local communities of more than 75 million people in the Tri-State area (NY, NJ, CT), Mid Atlantic area (PA, DE, MD, VA), Missouri and Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Southern New England. NYBC and its operating divisions also provide a wide array of transfusion-related medical services to over 500 hospitals nationally, including Comprehensive Cell Solutions, the National Center for Blood Group Genomics, the National Cord Blood Program, and the Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute, which — among other milestones — developed a practical screening method for hepatitis B as well as a safe, effective and affordable vaccine, and a patented solvent detergent plasma process innovating blood-purification technology worldwide.

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fast guidance during the troubling times of today."

Senator John Liu said "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 volunteers and cosponsors of Senior Appreciation Month, and especially to our seniors who continue to contribute to our community and inspire us every day!"

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards said "Queens seniors certainly have experienced a lot in their lives, including the many difficulties that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic. But with experience comes great wisdom and knowledge, which thankfully our seniors are willing to share with younger generations. I salute all of our borough's seniors and look forward to showing our gratitude to them during all the wonderful events that will take place during Senior Appreciation Month."

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said "Senior citizens are the anchors of our tight-knit Queens communities and neighborhoods. As District Attorney, I work every day to ensure that seniors are protected from opportunistic predators. I am honored to join my colleagues in elected office throughout the borough for this month-long acknowledgment of the vitality of our seniors."

Assemblywoman Alicia Hyn-dman said "It brings me great honor to celebrate our Seniors on the 21st Anniversary of senior appreciation month beginning September 1, 2023 alongside my colleagues. Our seniors have laid the foundation to unify and create a strong community! Through their continued guidance and life lessons it will transfer to our younger generations. The wisdom provided should be respected, as their life experiences afforded us essential liberties that we all enjoy today. Celebrating our seniors is well deserved and a fitting opportunity for us to honor those who endured the obstacles of life before us. This month, we will be able to show our appreciation and support Seniors by hosting various activities throughout the district, which includes line dancing, luncheons, giveaways and much more. Let us continue to attend to them as they took their time to nurture us."

Assembly Member David Weprin said "I'm excited to once again join my colleagues in government for Senior Appreciation Month! Helping to care for our senior neighbors is one of my top priorities, so I will be hosting a Health Fair/Yoga-lite event to provide information about healthy living and keeping an active lifestyle. Our senior citizens have a wealth of valuable experiences and events like these will help ensure that they continue to guide us for a long time to come."

Assembly Member Clyde Vanel said "Our seniors form the heart of our community and deserve recognition every day. Their invaluable

contributions over the years deserve our deepest gratitude. We are indebted to them and must provide them with the care, support, and recognition they rightly deserve. I look forward to joining all of local elected's in celebration during the 21st Senior Appreciation Month at the numerous events planned in their honor."

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams said "Our seniors are the jewels of our community, whose sacrifices and contributions paved the way for our success today. I'm proud to join my Southeast Queens colleagues to co-host the annual Senior Appreciation Month, during which we uplift and celebrate our older adults through engaging events and activities. The Council is proud to invest nearly \$30 million in older adult services to support their health and well-being. I encourage all seniors in our community to take part in the festivities during this year's Senior Appreciation Month!"

City Council Member Nantasha Williams said "Participating in Senior Appreciation Month is one of the great legacies handed down by the leaders before me. Started by Senator (then Councilman) Leroy Comrie and continued by my predecessor, I. Daneek Miller, I am proud to continue the work recognizing our seniors. Seniors are the lifeblood of this community and we are happy to program fun and education to recognize them."

City Council Member Linda Lee said "Senior Appreciation Month commemorates the individuals who have laid the foundation for future generations to succeed. Through their guidance, experience, and immense contributions, they have cultivated the thriving communities we know today. As a social worker, caring for our older adults holds a special place in my heart, and it is my immense pleasure to join my Queens colleagues in showing appreciation for the individuals who have nurtured and set the example for us to follow."

City Council Member Selvena N. Brooks-Powers said "It is such an honor to once again take part in a month-long celebration of our amazing seniors for their rich contributions to our community. Our seniors are the lifeblood of our Queens community and continue to serve as mentors, experts and invaluable sources of knowledge. It is on their shoulders that my colleagues and I stand as we serve Queens, the greatest, most diverse borough in the city of New York."

City Council Member James F. Gennaro said "Senior Appreciation Month is a time to honor the wisdom, resilience, and vibrant spirit of New York City's seniors, and I am proud to be a part of it. Their life experiences have woven the rich tapestry of our city, and by celebrating them, we pay homage to our collective history and the enduring legacy of those who have paved the way for future generations. I would like to thank all of the elected officials and local partners for their commitment to celebrating our seniors."



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For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Family responsibilities are mounting. Do your job and don't ask for favors. Travel will be favorable and bring you the greatest rewards. Your lucky numbers are: 2,6,9

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 You may not get your facts correct this week; double-check before making any statements. Attend to things that you should have done last week. Your lucky numbers are: 1,4,6

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You can sell your ideas to those who have the money to back them. Pamper yourself for a change. Your lucky numbers are: 4,8,6

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Your ability to ferret out secret information will lead you to an inside scoop on an amazing financial deal. Your lucky numbers are: 8,6,4

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 You may want to take a serious look at your goals and objectives. You may find yourself in a predicament with family members. Your lucky numbers are: 5,2,7

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 You may be tempted to spend too much on entertainment or luxury items. Do not let in-laws upset you. Your lucky numbers are: 8,1,9

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You can enjoy the company of others and come in contact with an ideal mate, if you get out and mingle. Cutbacks at work will be a cause for worry. Your lucky numbers are: 1,7,8

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Changes in your home may be disruptive and upsetting. You can get good solid advice from relatives or close friends you trust. Your lucky numbers are: 1,2,3

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Romance could be exciting if you are spontaneous. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely. Your lucky numbers are: 9,1,7

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 You may be confused regarding your love life. Make arrangements to meet friends at your local dance club. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,9

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 It might be best to spend time fixing up your premises and making changes that will be appreciated. Your lucky numbers are: 8,3,5

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Your creative ideas must be put to good use. Think of starting a new business or emotional partnership. Your lucky numbers are: 2,4,8

Did You Know?

- 80% of all people hit by lightning are men
- Before beginning his movie career Keanu Reeves managed a pasta shop in Toronto Canada
- Chevy Chase's real first name is Cornelius
- The only thing that can destroy a diamond is intense heat
- A 15th anniversary is called a quindecennial
- A nanosecond is one billionth of a second
- A whip makes a cracking sound because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound
- Men change their minds 2 to 3 times more than women (women tend to take longer to make a decision but once they do they are more likely to stick to it)
- All pilots on international flights identify themselves in English regardless of their country of origin
- Brontology is the study of thunder
- Diamonds mined in Brazil are much harder than those found in Africa
- Dry ice transforms directly from being a solid to a gas
- Employees of the Vatican pay no income tax
- The first city to mint its own gold coins was Florence, Italy in 1252
- Sound travels 10 times faster through granite than air

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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

"Crossword Puzzle"

P	A	N	D	A	U	N	I	T	F	O	W	L
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L	O	D	E	R	E	D	S	S	O	W	E	D

"Try And Find"

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W	D	U	O	E	E	P	S	A	B	J	H	I	K	L
H	E	N	Q	I	Z	K	A	T	R	M	A	C	E	
R	O	D	N	V	L	T	R	M	E	L	I	E	A	N
T	E	U	T	E	N	A	R	S	S	R	I	T	B	O
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F	J	O	I	A	X	M	O	L	H	N	Q	M	E	D
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S	L	D	T	L	T	A	M	N	F	R	G	R	E	M
O	T	N	C	I	G	O	H	G	D	N	D	E	U	A
H	B	A	I	N	H	D	R	I	W	O	D	S	M	O
O	S	A	E	U	F	P	N	S	F	C	I	O	H	L
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SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- Monarch of Iran
- Big party
- Trades
- Former Italian currency
- Whale
- Master of Ceremonies
- Glutton
- Extraterrestrial object
- Rosary components
- Academic references
- Throughout the store
- Herringlike fish
- Consumed
- South southeast
- Law enforcement
- Arrange (abbrev.)
- Bridge
- At the peak of
- Cowboy sport
- Farm newborn
- British tax
- Goat hair fabric
- Furrow
- East southeast
- Cobbler's tool
- Trainee
- Bow or curtsy
- Shortens
- Fill with joy
- Liquid
- Dialysis
- Concur
- Connections
- Transgressions
- Orbs
- Where the sun rises
- Fill to excess

DOWN

- Untidy one
- Bee home
- Environs
- States of misfortune
- Type of snake
- Blood vessel
- Vista
- Nuts and bolts
- Decipher
- Overact
- Pinnacle
- Dregs
- Band performance
- Medieval sword
- Formerly called azote
- Intimidated
- Quickly
- Jottings
- Intimate
- Not a knife or fork
- Soothing ointment
- Go inside
- American Dental Association
- Pointless (sports)
- Compel
- Formula 1 driver
- Tolerates
- Whips
- Bay window
- Brown shade
- Seaweed
- Tree knot
- Largest continent
- Hue
- Being
- Extremely pleasing (British)
- Estimated (abbrev.)

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TRY AND FIND

K	X	S	D	S	X	W	E	B	B	U	Z	A	P
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B	Q	T	Y	V	Q	J	A	T	Y	L	M	R	U
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BOTTOM	EDGE	GOGGLES	LINES
BREAK	EPOXY	GROOVE	METHOD

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Council Member Francisco Moya Distribute Thousands of Backpacks

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Council Member Francisco Moya, together with partners and members of the community, distributed thousands of backpacks and school supplies to students in District 21 Queens.

The Moya's Back-to-School weekend outdoor festivities were held in Corona on Wednesday, Sept. 6, and LeFrak City on Saturday, Sept. 9 and featured Mr. & Mrs. Met and NYC Sanitation's Waste Zero as well as music, food and children activities.

"We need to ensure our community is equipped with the resources they desperately need. The series of back-to-school events were meant to not only provide students with backpacks and school supplies but also bring the community together to welcome the new school year in a positive light. Thanks to the amazing partners and volunteers, we were able to distribute thousands of backpacks across the three events to families in Corona, LeFrak City and East Elmhurst," said NYC Council Member Francisco Moya.

"As we kickstart the new year, it's imperative that Latinos and our community as a whole come together to support our students and help them excel in school. That's what back to school drives are all about. Not only are we putting essential supplies in the



Council Member Moya with students and members of NYCFC during the LeFrak City distribution



Council Member Moya with students and members of the community during the Corona distribution

hands of our students, but we're also demonstrating our community's unwavering support for their academic journeys. We're proud to stand alongside community lead-

ers, Councilmember Francisco Moya, teachers, administrators, and students to ensure that the

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Lunar New Year Becomes Statewide School Holiday



NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul at signing is joined by Assemblyman Ron Kim, Assemblyman Zohran K. Mamdani, Assemblywoman Grace Lee, Assemblyman William Colton, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar and Assemblyman William Colton's chief of staff, Susan Zhuang,

New York Governor Kathy Hochul has signed into law legislation sponsored by Assemblyman William Colton (D—Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach and Dyker Heights) that adds the first day of the Asian Lunar New Year to the state's calendar of public school holidays.

"I am really pleased that Lunar New Year will now be observed as a public school holiday across New York State," said Assemblyman Colton. "This is a very significant occasion for many of the state's residents and it's important to give it the recognition it deserves. Now, across the state, those who celebrate will no longer have to choose between marking the holiday as a family and sending their children to school."

Nearly two million people of Asian heritage live in New York State, which has the second largest population of Asians in the country. The holiday, which marks the first new moon of the lunar calendar, usually falls between January 21 and February 20. The first day of Lunar New Year was designated a public school holiday in New York City in 2015.

"By designating Lunar New Year as an official school holiday, we are taking an important step

in recognizing the importance of New York's AAPI community and the rich diversity that makes New York so great," said Governor Hochul about the September 9 bill-signing. "It is not just a day off from school – it is an opportunity for our children to learn about and celebrate their own or different cultures and traditions."

Assemblyman Colton credited his longtime chief of staff, Susan Zhuang, now on unpaid leave, with suggesting the legislation, and for spearheading a petition drive and leading rallies in support of it. He was joined in sponsoring the legislation by Assemblywoman Grace Lee, who represents Manhattan's Chinatown.

"By making New York the first state in the country to mandate statewide school closures in observance of Lunar New Year, we are setting a valuable example for other states to follow," said Assemblywoman Lee.

Assemblyman Colton stressed that making Lunar New Year a statewide public school holiday not only allows those who celebrate it to spend the day with family and friends, but it provides everyone across the state with the

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Congresswoman Grace Meng

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Council Member Won Honors Longtime White Castle Regional Director With Sunnyside Street Co-Naming

Recently, Council Member Julie Won was joined by the family of John Vogt, representatives from White Castle, the Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District, and community members for a street co-naming of the corner of 43rd Street and Queens Boulevard as "John Vogt Place." John Vogt was a stalwart in the Sunnyside community, one of the founding members of the Sunnyside Shines BID, and a dedicated White Castle employee for over four decades.

According to John's wife, Candida Vogt, the White Castle on 43rd Street and Queens Boulevard was his "place." He started his illustrious White Castle career as a janitor at 14. He eventually became the Regional Director of The New York Region, with the White Castle at 43rd Street and Queens Boulevard as his home base. He retired in 2014 after 44 years of dedication to the company.

Throughout his life, John par-



ticipated in many civic activities. He served as the longtime Board Chair of Sunnyside Shines, the local BID that he was instrumental in founding in 2007. He was also a former president and leader of the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and a supporter of local businesses in Sunnyside and beyond.

"John Vogt was known and beloved by all in Sunnyside, and I

was happy to introduce the legislation to co-name 43rd Street and Queens Boulevard as "John Vogt Place" at the White Castle where he dedicated his professional life," said Council Member Julie Won. "John's dedication to his community extended beyond White Castle, including his leadership

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Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens Hosts Back to School Festival And Backpack Giveaway

Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens hosted their annual free Back to School Festival on Saturday, September 9 sponsored by HydroQuebec, Champlain Hudson Power Express, TD Bank, Heroes Basketball, and the Rite Bite. Nearly 1000 backpacks and school supplies were given away to kids present at the event. Mr and Mrs Met were in attendance to give out backpacks to kids.

Backpacks and supplies were generously donated by Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., Apartment 3R, Staples store 841, The Amazin' Mets Foundation, New York Cares, Steve Madden, ConnectOne Bank, Target and the Queens Distance Runners. At the event, Chip City gave out 1,000 cookies, Sky Farm LIC gave away 100 pounds of fresh produce, over 500 books for all ages were given and additional drinks and snacks were provided.

The festival included a bounce house, inflatable slide, dunk tank, games, tie dye station, face painting, balloon animals, and more. Vendors present were BioBus conducting science experiments, Astoria Film Festival doing film crafts with kids, MetroPlus Health, FDNY, and New York Life.

Additionally, on 30th Road there were learn-to-ride and bicycle



safety lessons with Bike Rent NYC.

Variety was also joined by dozens of volunteers from Mega Contracting Group, Disney Volun-

tEars, New York Life, Steve Madden, the Girl Scouts, Queens Distance Runners, Variety's Young Professions as well as Variety Alums.

Rep. Meng Announces \$3 Million Grant to Met Council To Create First Ever Diaper Bank at Pantries in Queens

Rep. Grace Meng, D-Queens, recently joined the Met Council on Jewish Poverty staff, volunteers and CEO David G. Greenfield at Met Council's Affordable Housing Towers VI in Flushing to prepare essential food and hygiene kits that will be distributed to New Yorkers in need and launch a first-of-its-kind diaper bank in Queens.

Meng took the opportunity to present Met Council with an oversized check for \$3 million in federal funding that she secured for the group to create a first of its kind program to provide diapers



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IT'S IN QUEENS

**It's In Queens!
(Sept. 15 to Sept. 21)**

The hits keep coming with a three-time Grammy winner, international music festival, Tito Puente Jr., Broadway show tunes, El Caramelo del Sabor, Chinese string instruments, Lost Boyz, and auditions for the Oratorio Society of Queens.

- Sept. 15, Queensboro Dance Festival Grand Finale, Sept. 17. The tenth annual Queensboro Dance Festival, which facilitates free performances in public spaces during the warm weather months, comes to an end with a three-night, 25-troupe extravaganza. Each show is about 70 minutes. They are at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and at 5 pm on Sunday. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Sept. 15, Jessica Torres: El Caramelo del Sabor, 8 pm. Celebrate Independence Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Mexico with a night a dance music. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Sept. 16, Queens United International Party, 2:30 pm. Global music, dance, food trucks, crafts, and fun. Lineup include Mantra Percussion, Miss Maybell, Somer Suarez, Los Aliens, Melting Pot, Brooklyn Raga Passive, and Brown Rice Family. Sunnyside Gardens Park, 48-21 39th Ave.

- Sept. 16, 175th Birthday Celebration, 1 pm. Mark the occasion with STEAM activities led by Galore Urban Tech, Mad Science, the BioBus, FANIKE! African Dance Troupe, Arrow, the Symbol, food by Trendy Kitchen, and artists Tristan Irving (Art by TK) and Gregory Valentine. Lewis Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing.

- Sept. 16, Keys & Beats from Uruguay + Argentina, 8 pm. A celebration of musical expression with three-time Grammy-winning pianist Gustavo Casenave and percussionist Franco Pinna. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Sept. 16, Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop with Lost Boyz, 4 pm. The Queens Live! concert series concludes with Lost Boyz, a South Jamaica crew including Mr. Cheeks, Pretty Lou Spignice, and Freaky Kah (the son of the late Freaky Tah) — along with Dennis Kellman & Glaze the MC, Royal Flush, DJ Von Thugg, and DJ Godfingaz. Springfield Park, vicinity of 149th Avenue and Springfield Boulevard.

- Sept. 16, Fall Bird Walks, 9:30 am. Spot and identify creatures of flight with experts from NYC Audubon. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Sept. 16, Plant as Medicine, 10:30 am. Pure Earth Magic facilitates a workshop on health and natural medicine. Underneath the Beach 60th Subway Station, Rockaway.

- Sept. 16, Hands-on History: Quill Creations, 1 pm. Celebrate



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Constitution Day (Sept. 17) by getting creative with feather quill and ink writing, just as it was used to sign the Constitution. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- Sept. 17, Finding God on Broadway, 4 pm. Singer/actress Tracylynn Conner and her band perform songs from "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Godspell," "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "West Side Story," and more. Mary's Nativity Church, 46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing.

- Sept. 17, Mindful Manipulation, 11 am. Circus artists Kyle Driggs and Ellie Steingraeber team up with husband-and-wife duo Musiquita to create a family show for audiences of all ages. The show repeats monthly on Sundays at 11 am on Oct. 15, Nov. 5, and Dec. 10. 3AM Theatre, 9-20 35th Ave., #3N, Long Island City.

- Sept. 17, Mini-Global Mashup: China Meets Germany, 1 pm. Renowned Chinese-American composer and violinist Jason Hwang, globe-trotting Chinese pipa player Sun Li, and German vocalist Tine Kindermann take

the audience on a musical journey between the stringed instruments of China and the Chinese Diaspora and the progression of German folk music through the decades. Trumpeter and composer Frank London joins the fun. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

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

- Sept. 21, Tito Puente Jr. + His Salsa Orchestra, 6:30 pm. Dance lessons first. Then, Tito Puente Jr., whose father was El Rey del Timbale, keeps the flame burning for his father's Latin music. (Rain date: Oct. 1, 5 pm). MacNeil Park, Poppenhusen Avenue, College Point.

- Sept. 21, Jamaica Mic Drop, 8 pm. An evening of spoken word poetry and storytelling headlined by JRose, curated by 100 Suits Founder Kevin Livingston, and funded in part by Con Edison. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

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Attorney General James Secures Agreement With Insulin Maker Novo Nordisk to Cap Insulin Prices For Uninsured New Yorkers

Novo Nordisk Agrees to Cap Insulin Price at \$35 per Monthly Prescription for Uninsured New Yorkers for Five Years and Streamline Process for Patients at Pharmacy Counter

New York Attorney General Letitia James has secured an agreement with one of the nation's largest insulin manufacturers, Novo Nordisk Inc. (Novo Nordisk), to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per monthly prescription for uninsured New Yorkers for five years. The agreement also requires Novo Nordisk to implement a program with pharmacies to let uninsured patients know before they pay that they are eligible for the insulin cap. Today's agreement follows earlier agreements with two other large insulin makers, Eli Lilly and Sanofi, to cap insulin prices at \$35 a month for uninsured New Yorkers.

"New Yorkers who rely on lifesaving medication like insulin should not have to ration their doses or forgo taking their medicine altogether because they cannot afford it," said Attorney General James. "Today's agreement will mean that uninsured New Yorkers do not have to choose between taking their insulin and putting food on the table. I will always use the powers of my office to help protect vulnerable New Yorkers, and to ensure no company takes advantage of them."

More than 10 percent of New Yorkers have diabetes, and it is estimated that 464,000 of them rely on insulin every day. New Yorkers who

live in the state's poorest neighborhoods are 70 percent more likely to have diabetes. In fact, more than 16 percent of New York adults with diabetes have an annual household income of less than \$25,000. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that the list prices set by insulin manufacturers for patients resulted in significant out-of-pocket costs for certain insulin users, causing some to ration their insulin or forgo it altogether. Over the past two decades, the list prices for insulin have increased dramatically, with prices from all manufacturers nearly tripling from 2002 to 2013. For a person with Type 1 diabetes, annual spending on insulin averaged \$2,864 in 2012, and by 2016, nearly doubled to an average of \$5,705. These dramatic cost increases were not driven by insulin manufacturing costs, which by one estimate would be no more than \$133 per person per year.

As a result of today's agreement, Novo Nordisk is required to cap the price of their insulin products, including Novolog, Novolin, and Fisap, at \$35 per monthly prescription. Additionally, Novo Nordisk is required to implement a streamlined process at the pharmacy counter that would allow pharmacies to automatically advise cash-paying customers of their ability to fill their monthly prescription for \$35 before leaving the pharmacy counter. To do this, Novo Nordisk must contract with a third-party messaging company that would immediately

notify a pharmacy or pharmacist that an uninsured patient is eligible for the \$35 monthly cap when they are filling their prescription.

In addition to the \$35 monthly cap for any uninsured New Yorker, Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering free insulin to the neediest consumers who meet income thresholds tied to the federal poverty line. Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering its Immediate Supply Program, through which it offers an immediate, free supply of insulin to consumers at risk of rationing due to financial hardship. For uninsured New Yorkers below the federal poverty level who do not seek reimbursement from any federal or state health care program, Novo Nordisk will also offer insulin at no cost. More information on Novo Nordisk's affordability programs can be found here.

This case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Kate Matuschak of the Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura J. Levine and Bureau Chief Jane M. Azia; Deputy Bureau Chief Amy McFarlane of the Antitrust Bureau; and Special Counsel Steven J. Glassman of the Economic Justice Division. The Consumer Frauds Bureau and the Antitrust Bureau are part of the Division of Economic Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Council Member Francisco Moya Distribute Thousands of Backpacks

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children of our neighborhood have everything they need to become our future leaders," said Frankie Miranda, President and CEO of Hispanic Federation.

"New York City Football Club is grateful for Council Member Francisco Moya's work to ensure that students start the year on a positive note, fully focused on doing their best in the classrooms, and we are glad to participate again this year," said Brad Sims, NYCFC CEO. "Back to school should always be an exciting time as our city's students get ready for another year of learning."

"Union carpenters are proud to build solid foundations for a successful school year for school children in Queens, alongside our friend of labor Councilmember Francisco Moya," said Joseph Geiger, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the New York City District Council of Carpenters. "Back-to-school drives are just another way the Carpenters Union gives back to the communities where we live and work, and they are also one way that students will feel ready to excel in the classroom this year."

"The Cement & Concrete workers are part of the community. Our members live and work here and care about our neighbors. Francisco Moya is a great friend and leader that we all respect and love." Union Organizer for District Council 16, Mike Arena.

"In East Elmhurst, in Corona, and across District 21 community

is family and there's no better way to continue to show up for our families than by ensuring students have what they need in this new school year. The series of back-to-school events were meant to bring family fun and resources to the hundreds of families in hard hit neighborhoods. I am grateful for Council Member Moya, for always showing up for our communities and partnering with the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association. I want to thank the partners for making our wrap up event possible, as well as my board members and the volunteers for doing all they do for our families and seniors, and Southern Baptist Church for all they do to bring such events to their church," said Larinda Hooks, president of the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association.

This is part of Councilman Moya's ongoing efforts to ensure families have resources as they recover from COVID-19. The distributions were possible thanks to volunteers and partners: Hispanic Federation, NYCFC, East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association, Ideal Supermarkets, Trade Fair Supermarket, Laborers Local 79, LeFrak City Tenants Association, New York City District Council of Carpenters & Carpenter Contractor Alliance of Metropolitan New York, Cement and Concrete Workers District Council, NYC Sanitation, NYC Parks, NYPD, Pazer, Epstein, Jaffe & Fein, P.C., Queens Library, Mets, and Zarembo Brown PLLC.

Rep. Meng Announces \$3 Million Grant to Met Council To Create First Ever Diaper Bank at Pantries in Queens

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for needy residents of Queens. Some of the funding will also be used to increase access to food for seniors and Holocaust survivors; and providing menstrual hygiene products to women. While there, she also visited with residents, presenting them with packages of essential food supplies.

The sizeable allocation underscores the congresswoman's enduring commitment, and fierce advocacy on behalf of her constituents in New York's 6th Congressional District and her belief in the importance of Met Council's work and making critical food, menstrual products and items for babies universally available.

Met Council's Affordable Housing Towers VI is a beautiful low-income housing building owned and operated by Met Council in Rep. Meng's 6th Congressional District of New York.

"The \$3 million in federal funding that I secured in Congress for Met Council will be crucial to so many vulnerable individuals in our communities," said Congresswoman Grace Meng. "Whether it's food, menstrual products or baby items, access to these essentials should never depend on one's income level or status in life. Everybody in Queens deserves equal access to them, and this money will help ensure that that they are made available to local residents in need of them. Thank

you to Met Council for partnering with me on this effort and working tirelessly to combat poverty."

Met Council CEO David Greenfield said: "What sets Congresswoman Meng apart is that she genuinely cares for the needs of everyone, and that she goes above and beyond for her constituents. She's one of our greatest partners because she truly understands our mission - to help those less fortunate in our communities, and how we can partner with her to help distribute other needed supplies, like these packages of items for infants and menstrual products to those less fortunate. She steadfastly represents and advocates for our communities and those most vulnerable within them in Washington and fights hard to make sure those in need have access to nutritious food, hygiene products and the services they need. We are grateful for her advocacy and look forward to our continued partnership."

"We're extremely grateful to Congresswoman Meng, for her fierce advocacy in support of New Yorkers in need," added Met Council's Managing Director of Food Programs Jessica Chait. "In the last five years alone, we've distributed more than 10 million pounds of crucial food products through more than 35 local pantry partners to those suffering from food-insecurity in New York's 6th Congressional district. We're extremely fortunate to have someone

who understand the importance of Met Council's federal advocacy efforts focusing on ensuring equal access to emergency food supplies for those with religiously informed diets and are thankful for her partnership in providing critical feminine hygiene and baby products to those in need."

Met Council's local partners, who assisted in packing and distributing the products include: the Allied Foundation, Chazaq, Commonpoint Queens, Public Health Solutions, The Hope Line, India Home, La Jornada, Queens College Hillel and the Queens JCC.

As America's largest Jewish charity dedicated to serving the needy, the largest Jewish Charity focused on serving the needy in the United States, the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) has been fighting poverty and promoting the social welfare of New York's struggling populations including the impoverished, immigrants and the elderly since 1972. In the last year alone, Met Council helped to secure and distribute over 21 million pounds of food to more than 250,000 New Yorkers and provided other social service assistance to over 325,000 people in need. With steadfast allies like Congresswoman Meng, Met Council will be able to assist thousands of more New Yorkers and ensure they are fed, housed and taken care of with dignity.

Lunar New Year Becomes Statewide School Holiday

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opportunity to learn more about a cherished Asian cultural tradition.

"We are a very diverse state, and our diversity is our strength," said Assemblyman Colton. "Learning

more about our neighbors' cultures gives all New Yorkers the necessary tools to combat hate and prejudice, promotes acceptance and inclusion, and offers a strong message that the American Dream is attainable for all."

Rep. Meng Announces \$3 Million Grant to Met Council To Create . . .

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roles at Sunnyside Shines and Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce. He lived life to build friendships, give respect to anyone, and make memories wherever he served. Thank you to John Vogt's family, Sunnyside Shines, White Castle, and our community for helping us to honor his life and legacy."

"John Vogt was an amazing man, a wonderful human being, and a great leader. He gave of himself to Sunnyside for decades, serving in a number of roles, always working to improve the community," said Sunnyside Shines Executive Director, Dirk McCall de Palomá. He fought hard to bring resources to Sunnyside, to beautify the neighborhood, to promote our small businesses, and to make sure Sunnyside Shined."

"John Vogt deeply cared about Sunnyside. He was enmeshed in the fabric of our community for over twenty years and was unfailing in giving his time, his energy, and his talents," said Sunnyside

Shines Treasurer Artie Weiner. "He was one of the most inspirational and kind people I have ever known and I was proud to serve with him on the boards of Sunnyside Shines and the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce. John is greatly missed - his infectious laugh and joyous approach to life engaged people in our work, and we miss him terribly."

"I am proud that Councilmember Julie Won was able to secure this wonderful co-naming in memory of John Vogt. 'John Vogt Place,' as this corner will be named, is also a place in our hearts," said Sunnyside Shines Secretary Gerald Lederman. "He came to us from White Castle and hosted so many big community events here and it is fitting that we will have this sign to share his legacy with the greater Sunnyside community. He was an outstanding board chair, and he was able to find consensus in times of disagreement, to work with everyone in the community, and to lead us to a more beautiful community."

Attorney General James Releases Statement on Settlement in Principle With Google

New York Attorney General Letitia James and a bipartisan group of attorneys general from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, have reached an agreement in principle with Google to settle one of three major antitrust lawsuits against the company for its anticompetitive conduct in the Google Play Store. The lawsuit was led by Attorney General James and the attorneys general of California, North Carolina, Tennessee, and

Utah, who released the following statement:

"No company is too big to play by the rules, including Google. We brought this lawsuit because it is illegal to use monopoly power to drive up prices. We appreciate this bipartisan group of attorneys general who fought for a fair marketplace that encourages competition, innovation, and lower prices for consumers. We look forward to finalizing this agreement and sharing more details in the next 30

days."

In July 2021, Attorney General James co-lead a bipartisan coalition with the attorneys general of Utah, North Carolina, and Tennessee, in a lawsuit against Google alleging that the company used its monopoly power in the Android app market to inflate prices for paid apps and in-app purchases. Today's agreement in principle will be finalized over the next 30 days, at which point the details will be made public.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Introduces State Legislative Package to Address New York City's Migrant Influx

Rajkumar Authors Bill Prohibiting Counties From Refusing Asylum Seekers
Rajkumar Authors Second Bill Creating A Statewide Coordinator Of Migrant Response

In response to the unprecedented influx of migrants to New York City, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) has introduced a package of bills that will ensure New York State does its part to help New York City manage one of the greatest humanitarian crises it has ever faced.

The Assemblywoman introduced A7992, which will pave the way for the State to coordinate a State-wide response to the asylum seeker crisis that enlists counties across the State. Specifically, the bill prohibits any municipality from refusing resettlement of asylum seekers, provided that the resettling municipality bears the cost of shelter. The bill comes in response to the ongoing legal battle between New York City and 30 counties in the State. To relieve financial and logistical challenges, the City has resettled some asylum seekers in other counties. The City has resettled less than 1% of asylum seekers in its custody, and continues to bear the full cost of shelter, yet 30 counties have taken executive action to prohibit resettlement based on specious arguments of public safety.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar's bill is a clarification of existing law: resettlement prohibitions are in clear violation of the New York State Social Services Law, the New York State

Human Rights Law, Title II of the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution, and the constitutional right to travel. New York City filed suit naming all 30 counties to overturn the prohibitions, resulting in a judgment that the City must file a separate suit against each county in their respective jurisdictions. The Assemblywoman's bill will preclude a tortuous legal process that would reach a foregone conclusion. Most importantly, the bill will pave the way for the State to coordinate a State-wide response to the asylum seeker crisis that enlists counties across the State.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar has also introduced a second bill A7493, that will create a State-wide Coordinator of Asylum Seeker Services. This Coordinator would lead a State response to the asylum seeker crisis, overseeing intake, resettlement, support services, health care, housing, education, and legal services for the new arrivals. The coordinator would ensure that migrants are equitably distributed throughout the State, relieving the pressure on New York City. The Coordinator would also lobby the federal government for legislation and policies to address the influx. The Coordinator would be jointly appointed by the Governor of New York State and the Mayor of New York City.

Last month, the Assemblywoman led a city-wide coalition of 54 elected officials from all 5 boroughs to call on President Biden to support New York. One of the coalition's 4 requests

was that the President declare a State of Emergency for New York State, but that request has gone unanswered.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar said, "It is time for New York State to lead a Statewide response as New York City faces one of the greatest humanitarian crises in its history. My legislative package sets up this Statewide response. The new State Coordinator of Asylum Seeker Services will bring the State's leadership and organization to help manage the City's migrant influx. My bill preventing counties from refusing migrants meets this moment; the State must enlist all its counties to help New York City shelter migrants, because the strength of our entire State depends on New York City continuing to be a strong economic engine."

New York City has welcomed over 100,000 asylum seekers since April 2022. Today, New York City is providing shelter to over 50,000 asylum seekers, at a cost of over \$1 billion, and projected to be \$12 billion by June 2025. In response, the State budgeted \$1 billion over two years to reimburse the City. The federal government provided a grant of \$100 million—the equivalent of 13 days' worth of expenses to shelter migrants.

The asylum seekers have a right to legally remain in the country while applying for asylum, and New York City is legally obligated to provide shelter under a consent decree in the case of Callahan v. Carey. Compounding the issue further is that asylum seekers cannot legally work for a minimum of six months.

Elected Officials & Other Leaders Hold Rally to Call Out Those For Unfair Attacks on Mayor Eric Adams Over Migrant Crisis & NYC Budget Cuts

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colleagues in calling on the Federal Government to step up to the plate by helping our city with financial aid, aiding our Governor with sheltering across the state, expediting work permits, and other assistance we desperately need."

"New York City and Mayor Adams have been facing a near impossible situation for months now, and with assistance from the federal government still being ambiguous, realistic and real-time decisions need to be made about what next steps might look like," Senator Leroy Comrie said. "The attempts to mischaracterize Mayor Adams for his strong statements about the severity of the asylum seeker crisis and potential related budgetary cuts are unwarranted as he has sought aid from our

government partners on both the state and federal level and sounded the alarm from the beginning."

Some have called Mayor Adams' comments toward migrants as racist and that they go against the reputation for a city where Ellis Island has welcomed immigrants for decades with pride. Others have added that Mayor Adams' statements were dangerous and could lead to violence against immigrants. Immigrants have said they do not want to be vilified. The speakers at the rally to defend Mayor Adams are among the biggest supporters of immigrants but believe the migrant crisis is being exploited to divide people and prevent a fair and humane solution to this national problem.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced cuts of 15% for all NYC

agencies by next spring unless additional state and federal aid fills in the shortfall. In defense of Mayor Adams, three factors are driving these cuts: First, NYC hasn't received enough state or federal support to match the \$12 billion cost of this crisis, over three years. Second, federal stimulus money from the pandemic is drying up. Finally, NYC revenues aren't growing as much as anticipated earlier because of high commercial office vacancy rates. Over 110,100 asylum seekers have come through the New York City system. Currently, NYC is housing over 59,700 asylum seekers and has opened more than 200 emergency shelters. Mayor Adams made it clear that New Yorkers and migrants will suffer if NYC doesn't receive major state and federal aid.

Newly Elected Assemblyman Sam Berger Wins Special Election in the 27th Assembly District

Democrats hung on to a state Assembly seat in Queens in a competitive special election.

Democrat Sam Berger defeated Republican David Hirsch in the 27th Assembly District that runs through central and northeastern Queen neighborhoods from parts of Forest Hills to Kew Garden Hills and from College Point to Whitestone.

Sam Berger garnered 2,447 votes, or 55%, to 1,979 votes, or 45%, for Hirsch, who also ran on the Conservative Party line, according to the city Board of Elections tally with 99% of the scanners reported. Hirsch called Berger to concede around 9:30 p.m.



Statement From Speaker Adams on The 22nd Anniversary of The September 11th Attacks

"Our city and nation were forever changed on September 11, 2001, and today's anniversary offers us a moment to once again reflect on the lives lost and changed by the events that day. As a native New Yorker, I recall the experience of shock and pain, and know that many of us are still working to heal from it. While we continue

to support the families of those we lost, we must also uplift the first responders and rescue workers who rushed towards danger to look for survivors at Ground Zero and are suffering from life-threatening illnesses because of the toxic exposure. Too many families and victims are still struggling from the aftermath of this

tragedy, and it's imperative that the city, state and nation provide them with the full support they need to recover. As we remember the day 22 years ago, may our shared grief and love for our neighbors, fallen heroes, our city and nation, continue to unite us and light our path forward towards resilience and healing."

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KARMAZING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/23. 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, 24-42 88th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/14,21,28,9/5,12&19/2023

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Notice of Formation of 229 B125 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/28/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 229 B 125 Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activities. 9/14,21,28,9/5,12&19/2023

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Notice of Formation of LOUGUS STUDIO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2937 Jordan St, Apt 1, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023



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Notice of Formation, One Soppo LLC Art. of Org. were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/22/2023. Office Location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 166-20 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11355. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 8/31,9/7,14,21,28&10/5/2023

Notice of Formation of J.C. ARNOLD, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/26/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 14410 Roosevelt Ave, Apt1G, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

Notice of Formation of DL ATM FAST CASH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/29/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11632 141st St, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

Notice of Formation of DAHLIA. LONDONNYC 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

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

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

Notice of Formation: 120-01 18 AV LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/28/2020. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to 11-10 130TH ST., COLLEGE POINT, FLUSHING, NY 11356 Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

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

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Notice of formation of 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

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

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

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, GRANTEES, 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 order of the court dated August 11,

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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

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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

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

PROBATE CITATION File No: 2017-1059 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bernadette Destin if living and if dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Fannie Bras The decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, and Louis A. Cannizzaro, Esq, G.A.L. and Ismona, St. Louis, Ineres St. Louis and Phrlia St. Louis A petition having been duly filed by Eddy Jean-Baptiste who is domiciled at 130-14 133 Avenue, Jamaica New York 11420 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 19th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 AM of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Fannie Bras lately domiciled at 31-42 98 Street, East Elmhurst New York 11369 admitting to probate a Will dated February 19, 2009, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Fannie Bras deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Eddy Jean-Baptiste 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 September 6, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY JANET EDWARDS TUCKER Chief Clerk SJ Chapman Attorney's Name 80 Broad St. 5th Fl. New York, NY 10004. Attorney's Address (312) 583-9430 Attorney's Telephone No. 9/14,21,28&10/5/2023

LEGAL NOTICES

Sweet Moment 37, LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/21/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 47-15 33rd St., LIC, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023



Public Safety Town Hall

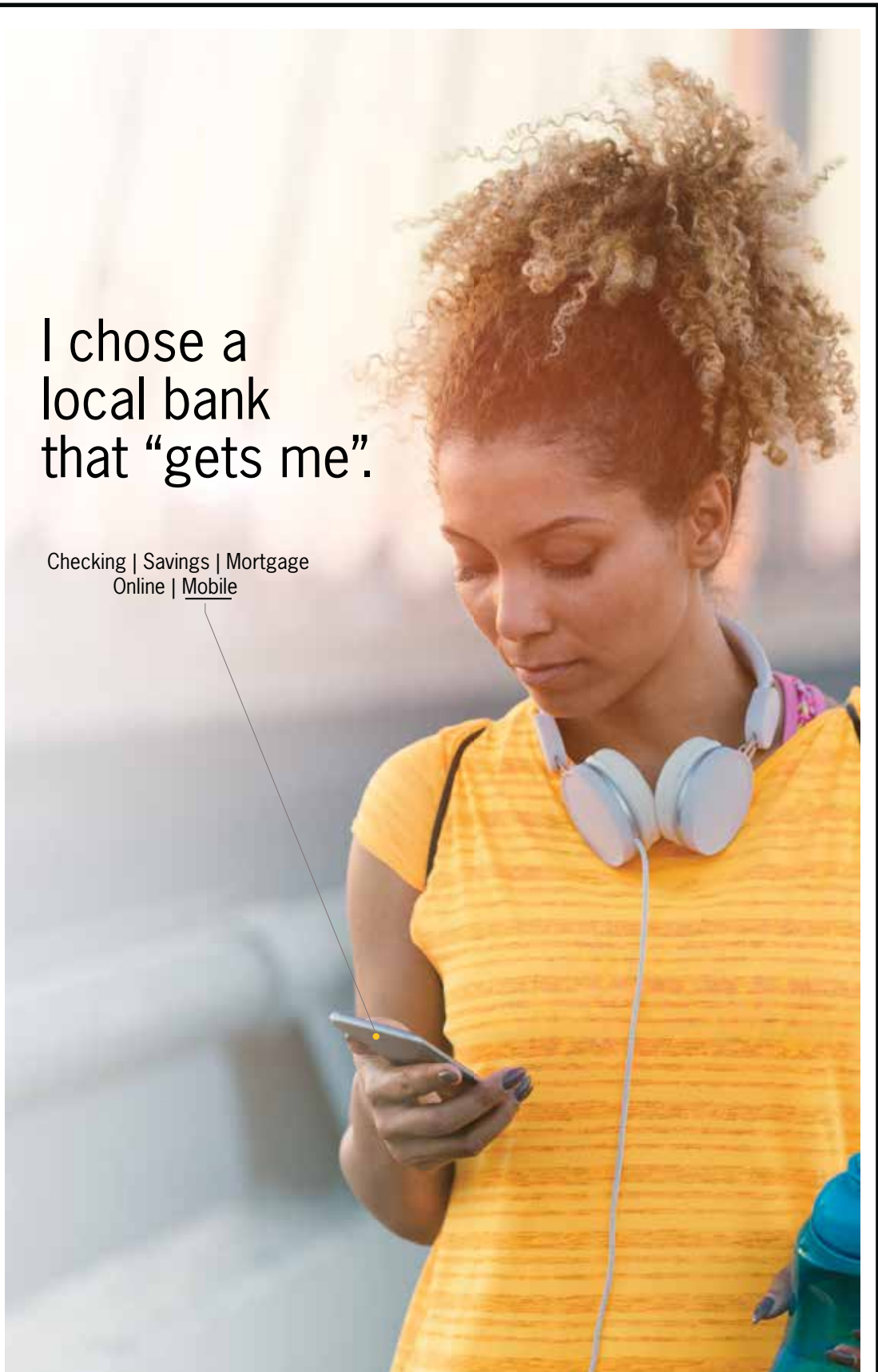


Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz attended Council Member Nantasha Williams important roundtable discussion on public safety, specifically for the South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities in her district. On hand were representatives from the NYPD, NYC Commission on Human Rights, NYC Department of Transportation and Department for the Aging

Woodside Senior Center BBQ



The Woodside Senior Center provides a safe and engaging environment for more than 400 seniors from Woodside, Astoria, and Long Island City. QDA Melinda Katz shared some delightful moments with them during the center's annual barbecue recently. Thank you to Tonya Chestnut, the program director, for organizing such a great event in support of our seniors.



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