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The New York State Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) warned New Yorkers about the risks of using or buying fake COVID-19 vaccination cards. As more and more places are requiring proof of vaccination, scammers are taking advantage of this opportunity by selling fake verification tools including fake cards, certificates, test results or even doctors' notes. New Yorkers should be aware that buying fake vaccine cards, making their own or filling the blanks with false information is illegal and could land them in jail. The vaccines have repeatedly been proven to be safe. Opting for a fake vaccination card instead of getting vaccinated is an unnecessary health – and legal – risk.

"With more companies requiring proof of vaccination from employees and customers, New Yorkers should be aware that scammers are hard at work producing fake vaccine cards," Secretary of State Rossana Rosado said. "Our Division of Consumer Protection and other law enforcement authorities are working hard to prevent illegal activities by these scammers that put us all at risk."

State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "Our highest priority is helping to ensure the health and safety of New

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"Never Forget Way" Honors 9/11 Victims



Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato joined the Howard Beach community to unveil a new 9/11 Mural in Howard Beach com-

memorating the attacks of September 11th honoring the victims and first responders of that fateful day; the mural is a beautiful piece

of public art and will be a constant reminder that we must never forget

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Gov. Hochul Signing The "Less is More" Bill



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Governor Kathy Hochul, State Legislators, fellow District Attorneys, and criminal justice reform advocates for the signing of the "Less Is More" bill, which aims to reduce the number of people re-incarcerated for technical parole

violations.

QDA Katz said, "This law advances the importance of rehabilitation and allows us to further administer justice with compassion. Those who have paid their debt to society can better re-integrate themselves back into their communities with dignity"

Senator Liu Hosts Goodie Bag Giveaway at Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center



NYS Senator John Liu hosted a goodie bag giveaway at the Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center in Little Neck. See story on page 6.



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Yorkers as we work together to combat COVID-19. Fake vaccination cards are a betrayal of public trust and an incredible disservice to our communities who have fought diligently to defeat COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and I encourage all unvaccinated New Yorkers to get vaccinated. I thank the Department of State for continuing to raise awareness on the risks of fake vaccine cards and thank them for their commitment to the safety of New Yorkers."

State Police Superintendent Kevin P. Bruen said, "Making or possessing fake COVID-19 vaccination cards are serious crimes. We are taking this issue very seriously due to the tremendous risk presented by these false documents. Anyone found to be involved with forged vaccine cards will be charged and face the legal consequences."

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has received several complaints from people reporting cases of possible fraud related to COVID-19 vaccination. For instance, a consumer reported receiving counterfeit CDC vaccination cards in a vaccine card holder ordered online. The order included blank cards that anyone could forge to mimic authentic CDC vaccination cards. The FTC

also received complaints of websites offering, for a fee, vaccine waivers and medical exemptions without seeing a doctor. The FTC is investigating these and other cases of possible vaccine fraud.

To avoid a run in with the law or being a victim of a crime, the Division of Consumer Protection warns:

- Presenting fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination cards or test results can land you in jail. Buying or making fake vaccine cards or filling in blank cards with false information is illegal and could lead to fines or even land you in jail.
- The only legitimate way to get proof of vaccination — or a negative test result — is to GET vaccinated or to TEST negative. If you lose that proof, check with your state health department or your vaccine provider to find out how to obtain a replacement.
- Protect your personal information from COVID-19 scams. Scammers set up fraudulent websites offering fake vaccine appointments or call people claiming to be COVID-19 surveyors to collect people's personal information. Never give out personal information over the phone, especially if you unexpectedly receive a call asking for it. When scheduling a vaccine appointment online, schedule it directly through the New York Department of Health or gov to ensure you're using a

legitimate site.

- Report Fraud. New Yorkers should report vaccine-related fraud by calling 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) or emailing STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov.

New Yorkers are also encouraged to install the NYS Excelsior Pass Wallet app from the Apple Store or Google Play, or to retrieve their Passes here. Excelsior Pass and Excelsior Pass Plus are free, secure, voluntary platforms that provide digital proof or a digital copy of COVID-19 vaccination and/or negative test results. Passes can be displayed on any smart device or can be printed from any computer.

About the New York State Division of Consumer Protection - The New York State Division of Consumer Protection serves to educate, assist, and empower the State's consumers. Consumers can file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection at <https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection>.

For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800-697-1220, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm or visit the DCP website at <https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection>. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at www.facebook.com/nysconsumer

"Never Forget Way" Honors 9/11 Victims

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September 11th, 2001.

A memorial commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks was unveiled in Howard Beach on Saturday, a project that was many years in the making and created by local artists with help from community groups and volunteers joining together.

"We have survived many things, including Hurricane Sandy, a pandemic and now we are standing here honoring all those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those who continue to lose their lives because of the effects of going down to the 9/11 site," said Joann Ariola, president of the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association and City Council District 32 candidate.

The civic association and mural committee held the "Remembering September 11th" ceremony in front of the painting which is located on 84th Street between 157th Avenue and Shore Parkway below the overpass on the border of Howard Beach and Lindenwood.

"Yes, we're happy that we have this, yes, it is a way of celebrating their lives but still we mourn them," Ariola said. The mural features 2,977 stars representing those who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

"This area has been an eyesore

for many years," Ariola said. "What we really wanted to do for many years was to beautify this area."

The mural was painted by Howard Beach locals, Mark Amato, Krissy Amato, Joseph Visconti, John Giramita and Doreen Coffey. Ariola said the project is still ongoing and soon the wall on the opposite side of the street will have a mural as well.

It was a "true community effort," she said, with help from the 106th Precinct, the West Hamilton Beach Fire Department, Queens Community Board 10, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway Park), state Sen. Joe Addabbo Jr. (D-Howard Beach) and Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) and Frank Martin who helped organize. The area around the bridge was cleaned up by Lisena Landscaping and Blue Sky Landscaping, ACE Hardware donated painting supplies and several power washing companies offered to volunteer their time, including Mike's Powerwashing, LLC.

Community leader Frank Gulluscio announced that the alley, which was commonly referred to as "God's way" with St. Helen's Church across the street from Rockwood Jewish Center, is proposed to be renamed "Never Forget Way."

The plan came to fruition with help from FDNY firefighter Jay Frango, who found the artists and donated funds to fuel the project. Frango was a 9/11 first responder and spoke of spending 37 days straight on "the pile." He called up fellow first responders and key players like firefighter John Stewart to join him as he spoke in front of the mural.

"I lost 43 of my friends that day," Frango said through tears.

"I just could've never imagined that we could've had such a beautiful mural," he added, thanking the team that put in long days and nights of work, staying up until 5:30 a.m. the morning of the unveiling.

Patty Glaviano of Howard Beach attended the ceremony with her friend Jean Mullin of Woodhaven. In 2001, the two were working together at a law firm on Park Avenue in Manhattan and saw the towers come down. Now, they both work at the same law firm but are located at 3 World Trade Center.

"We will never forget," said Mullin, recalling seeing people covered in the dirt. "We think about them to this day," she said. "It's beautiful to have something in our community," said Glaviano. "It teaches the children, too," she said. "When we're gone, it still can't be forgotten."

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Congressmembers Call For Passport Application Fees to be Waived For Those Who Lost Their Passports During Ida

Following President Biden's approval of emergency and major disaster declarations for New York, U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY) announced today that they are leading an effort to get passport application fees waived for those seeking to replace passports that were lost or destroyed in the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Ida.

Under current law, the President may waive U.S. passport application fees for those who lost their U.S. passport in a qualifying major disaster. So, the two lawmakers have spearheaded a bipartisan letter to President Biden asking him to immediately classify Hurricane Ida, and the remnants of Ida, as a major disaster that qualifies for a passport fee waiver.

"After more than a year of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Americans are preparing to travel," the Members of Congress wrote. "Families are trying to reunite

with loved ones, students are trying to study abroad, and businesses are trying to reconnect with customers."

"Those devastated by Ida are already facing overwhelming burdens, struggling to repair their homes and replace their belongings," said Congresswoman Meng. "The federal government has the power to eliminate the fees associated with replacing their passports, and doing so would be one less problem that those affected by the storm would have to deal with. We should do everything possible to help constituents, and others impacted by natural disasters, recover from the devastation they're experiencing. I look forward to the President's reply to our letter, and I thank him for his continued support for New York during this difficult time."

"Unfortunately, some of our constituents lost critical paperwork such as passports during flooding earlier this month," said Congresswoman Malliotakis.

"They already have enough expenses rebuilding their homes and replacing destroyed items. During this time of extraordinary hardship, waiving the fees to replace ruined passports is appropriate."

Presently, it costs a single adult \$145 to replace their passport, and \$115 per child, plus additional fees for expedited processing and shipping.

Other Members of Congress who signed the letter include Reps. Ritchie Torres (D-NY), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Madeline Dean (D-PA), Jamaal Bowman (D-NY), Jerry Nadler (D-NY), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ), Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA), Tom Suozzi (D-NY), Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), Dwight Evans (D-PA), Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Yvette Clarke (D-NY) and Kathleen Rice (D-NY).

Meng And Espaillat Secure Billions In Disaster Relief For New York City

Emergency Assistance Secured by Meng and Espaillat Included in Stopgap Government Funding Bill Provides \$11+ billion in disaster relief

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (NY-06) and Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) announced that they secured over \$11 billion in federal relief to help New Yorkers recover from the devastation caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

"The havoc that Ida wreaked on my congressional district, and our region, has continued to devastate so many of my constituents, and they remain in need of help," said Congresswoman Meng. "As I have said, New York needs as much federal aid as possible to assist with recovering from this catastrophic storm, and in addition to the emergency and major disaster declarations, these funds will go a long way towards providing needed relief, and building back better. I thank Rep. Espaillat for partnering with me to obtain this vital funding."

"Hurricane Ida marked the second time in two months our communities were flooded as a result of the climate crisis, and New Yorkers

need our support," said Congressman Espaillat. "While we continue to survey the economic toll this storm took on our communities, it's clear that our people needed immediate and tangible relief - and I'm proud to have secured this much needed funding so that our communities can begin to rebuild from this crisis, and build back better, and stronger than ever before."

Earlier this month, Meng and Espaillat spearheaded a bipartisan letter to the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee asking them to include the highest amount of federal funds possible for New York in the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, which continues vital federal funding through December 3. The committee, of which Meng and Espaillat are members, is the panel in Congress that is responsible for allocating emergency disaster funding.

Meng and Espaillat were able to secure additional funding for the following appropriations accounts, the majority of which will provide disaster relief.

- \$5 billion for HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster

Recovery Program. Maximum funds would support large-scale resiliency projects and grants to homeowners. After Hurricane Sandy, New York City and Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island received \$16 billion. These funds were used to support individuals and families that helped them rebuild and recover from the storm. This fund will be essential for New York's recovery.

- Continued access to the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund. Funding would support general reimbursement, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grants, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

- \$50 million for FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grants. Funding would help with emergency planning for future extreme weather events.

- \$2.6 Billion for the DOT Federal Highway Administration. Funds would support street design and flooding remediation.

- \$3 Billion for USACE Construction Funding. Funds would support existing resiliency projects and additional ones that may be needed.

Suozzi Statement on Navy Grumman Plume

Congressman Suozzi (D-Long Island, Queens) issued the following statement on the consent decree announced by the New York State DEC regarding the Navy Grumman Plume:

"This is a big victory for the people of Bethpage and for all of the people south of Bethpage that have been threatened by this plume for decades. I will continue to work with Bethpage and the sur-

rounding water districts to ensure that the responsible parties follow through and that the funding is in place so they can continue to provide safe drinking water to all residents."

A statement from Mike Boufis, superintendent of Bethpage Water District on the announcement can be found below:

"We appreciate the efforts by so many state and federal officials to

get to this point, and there has been clear and measurable progress, but there is a lot more pollution to account for than this decree addresses. Bethpage Water District would like to give a special thanks to Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for their assistance in this matter and we will not stand down until those responsible - including NG and Navy - stand up and do the right thing."

Meng Calls For Undocumented New Yorkers Impacted by Ida to be Eligible For Federal Disaster Assistance

Congresswoman leads letter to head of FEMA; requests relief to be allowed for all regardless of immigration status

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) called for federal disaster relief to be accessible to undocumented New Yorkers who have been devastated by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

In a letter Meng led to the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Congresswoman asked Administrator Deanna Criswell to use the agency's legal authority to expand the immigrant eligibility requirements for disaster relief assistance, so that all who have been impacted by the storm can seek help regardless of immigration status.

Meng's correspondence follows Governor Hochul's announcement yesterday to make \$27 million available for undocumented New Yorkers affected by Ida. Meng, who joined the Governor for the announcement at the Queens Museum, said in her remarks during the event that she would be sending her letter to FEMA this week, noting that states should not be left to pick up the tab for a federal disaster

relief program.

"The destruction that Ida caused throughout our region has been devastating," said Meng. "Queens, and my district in particular, which includes many immigrant communities, was among the hardest hit spots, and lives have been turned upside down. Our government must be there to support those who desperately need help, and that includes EVERYBODY who requires relief. With so many people distraught and shattered by the damage from the storm, it is more important than ever for our immigrant communities to not be left behind or forgotten about. Ensuring relief for those who are ineligible is the right, decent and compassionate thing to do. I commend Governor Hochul for making aid available from New York funds; but as I said, states should not be left to pick up the tab for a federal disaster relief program."

Other lawmakers who signed the letter include New York Senator Kristen Gillibrand and New York Reps. Adriano Espaillat, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Jamaal Bowman, Mondaire Jones, Ritchie Torres, Nydia Velázquez and Carolyn Maloney.

Assemblymember David I. Weprin Announces Emergency Hearing on Crisis on Rikers Island

Assemblymember David I. Weprin, Chair of the New York State Assembly Committee on Correction, will hold a public hearing to address the humanitarian crisis and recent deaths on Rikers Island. This emergency hearing will be held this Friday, October 1st in the Assembly Hearing Room at 250 Broadway, New York, NY, beginning at 10:00am. Leaders from government, the legislature, and advocacy organizations will be in attendance to provide testimony.

Despite multiple calls for reform and plans from the New York City Department of Correction to address the situation, the pace of deteriorating conditions on Rikers Island is accelerating. Since January 2021, twelve incarcerated individuals have died in custody; many from suicide. Multiple articles have reported an increase in acts of violence and abuse. Treatment for physical and mental health has been seriously impacted. A severe staff shortage has resulted in correctional officers routinely working double and triple shifts with insufficient

rest, endangering the incarcerated population as well as security, support, and medical professionals.

"There is a true humanitarian crisis at Rikers Island and it is in a ravaged state. Having toured the facilities, I am deeply concerned for the well-being of the incarcerated individuals and correctional staff members," said Assemblymember Weprin. "It is imperative to hold our leaders accountable and to ascertain the nature of these various breakdowns in safety, health, administrative process, and facility conditions."

Elected in 2010, David I. Weprin represents the 24th Assembly District of New York State in Queens. Comprised of the partial or entire communities of Briarwood, Bellerose Manor, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hillcrest, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village, Richmond Hill, and Utopia; the 24th Assembly District boasts one of the most diverse constituencies in New York State.

Statement by Senator Ramos on The Governor's Most Recent Action to Address The Crisis on Rikers Island

Senator Ramos issues the following statement on the Executive Order from the Governor, expanding remote court hearings:

"We have more humane tools at our disposal to ensure that people who are awaiting trial are able to be in contact with their lawyers and their communities, to ensure they are able to make

their court appearances and to do this without subjecting them to the cruel and extreme conditions on Rikers. Today's Executive Order from the Governor is a common-sense step. After my visit today to follow up with constituents, I will have more to say about the necessary next steps for Rikers."

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Flushing Town Hall's Louis Armstrong Legacy Monthly Jazz Jam Celebrates Its Tenth Anniversary on October 13, 2021

This October, Flushing Town Hall's wildly popular Louis Armstrong Legacy Monthly Jazz Jam is turning ten! To celebrate the occasion, Flushing Town Hall's current house jazz band will be joined by members of Queens Jazz OverGround. As the venue continues its reopening to artists and the public, the jam will be held in person at the historic building in Queens on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM (ET).

The monthly jam began its journey of great jazz in October 2011 as an educational program in collaboration with the Aaron Copeland School of Music at Queens College in order to provide a platform for young jazz musicians to play music together. About three years later, the monthly jam transformed into a program for amateur and professional musicians and public audiences under the lead of Queens Jazz OverGround.

"Shortly after I joined Flushing Town Hall, we were able to launch our first Jazz Jam and Clinic in October 2011. Our partnership with Queens College provided graduate music students with an opportunity to jam together locally and educate young musicians in Jazz. A few years later, the jam expanded to reach more musicians under the leadership of Brian Woodruff and Queens Jazz OverGround (QJOG), so I am excited that he and some of the QJOG original members will be joining us on stage with Carol Sudhalter, Joe Vincent Tranchina, Eric Lemmon, and Scott Neumann --- our current house band, to acknowledge ten years of great Jazz right here in Flushing," says Flushing Town Hall's Director of Education & Public Programs, Gabrielle M. Hamilton. "All of this would not have been possible without the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation. We are forever thankful for their unwavering support of the Jam and for allowing us to pay tribute to the great Jazz virtuoso who once



called Queens his home."

Brian Woodruff of Queens Jazz OverGround, who once led the monthly jazz jam at Flushing Town Hall says: "When Queens Jazz OverGround started leading the jam in 2014, we had no idea how influential and established this monthly event would become over the years. Many thanks to Flushing Town Hall for inviting our current and original members back to participate in this celebration with Carol Sudhalter, the great house band, and other talented musicians."

In 2016, as Queens Jazz OverGround moved on to other projects, Carol Sudhalter, who is well-versed in the Armstrong repertoire, stepped in. Under Sudhalter's creative guidance, the monthly program has been paying homage to the great Louis Armstrong every month since—including the months when Flushing Town Hall's doors remained closed for pandemic precautions.

During the pandemic, the monthly event moved online in March 2020, and within 17 months of only virtual jams, more than 200 musicians from over a dozen countries as far as New Zealand, Italy and South Africa, have participated in the virtual Louis Armstrong Legacy Monthly Jazz Jams. Over 7,000 viewers from across the globe have enjoyed the music and tuned in to the monthly jams to listen as the venue moved all its programming online.

On September 8, the monthly Jazz Jams returned to its pre-pandemic version for the first time live from Flushing Town

Hall, with participating musicians and an audience of jazz lovers attending in person.

Audiences and musicians are invited to join the anniversary jam in-person or virtually on October 13 at 7 PM ET. Cost for the general audience is \$10, and the jam is FREE for members, students, teens & jamming musicians. Participating jazz jammers do not need to pre-register and can simply sign in upon arrival.

Following the opening by the current house jazz band, Queens Jazz OverGround will play Dinah by Harry Akst, and Joe Young, as featured in the famous Copenhagen film of Louis Armstrong's band from 1933.

The band will feature:

- Josh Deutsch, trumpet (founding member, Queens Jazz OverGround)
- Hashem Assadullahi, alto saxophone (current member, Queens Jazz OverGround)
- Amanda Monaco, guitar (founding member, Queens Jazz OverGround)
- Eugenia Choe, piano (current member, Queens Jazz OverGround)
- Richard Mikel, bass
- Brian Woodruff, drums (founding and current member, Queens Jazz OverGround)

Those unable to attend the anniversary jam in person can still join the livestream and tune in for free via Flushing Town Hall's Facebook page.

For more information, www.flushingtownhall.org (718) 463-7700 x222 137-35 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY 11354

Governor Hochul Announces MTA Small Business Mentoring Program Surpasses \$500 Million in Awards to Minority-Owned, Women-Owned Businesses

MTA a National Leader in Working with Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and Disadvantaged Businesses - Sets New Record in Dollars Paid to Certified Businesses for MTA Contracts

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the MTA's nationally celebrated program to mentor local minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses (MWBE) has helped participating companies win a total of \$500 million in MTA contracts since the state's program was founded in 2010.

A \$2 million contract to Alliance Tri-State Construction, Inc., of Staten Island was the decisive award that put the total over the half billion mark. It is the 485th contract to be awarded to a participating business since the start of the program. MTA Chief Diversity Officer Michael Garner and his team, working closely with MTA



Construction & Development and the MTA's Office of Construction Oversight, have led the Authority to an unprecedented pace of activity in recent years, with hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts awarded.

"New York is a national leader when it comes to working with MWBEs to help ensure that talented business leaders from across our state can bring their unique

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Queens adjusts to the new season with pumpkins, indoor dance shows, a food crawl, a maze, and even an Oktoberfest with a Korean twist.

• Oct. 1, A Thrilling Theatre Game, Oct. 24. In this Spanish-language play, a young, on-the-rise actor visits an influential, high-society member who loves theater. However, things don't go as planned. Shows on Friday and Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 4 pm. Thalía Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

• Oct. 1, Astoria Film Festival, Oct. 30. More than 90 works — including web series and podcasts — by filmmakers from Queens and around the world. Panel discussions, workshops on such topics as storytelling, stunts, and animation, and an awards ceremony are also in the mix. Two venues: Zukor Theater at Kaufman Astoria Studios, 34-12 36th St.; and Heart of Gold Bar, 37-14 31st Ave.

• Oct. 1, Queensboro Dance Festival Grand Finale, Oct. 3. Several local troupes perform each night, starting at 7:30 pm on Oct. 1 and Oct. 2, and 5 pm on Oct. 3. Flamenco, Greek, Indian, Mexican. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

• Oct. 1, Infinite Duets: Co-Creating on TikTok, Nov. 7. This new exhibition looks at the increasing importance of collaboration in internet culture. It explores the evolution of six influential TikTok videos and their remixes and remakes. The show also explores co-creation in the context of new economic models, often called the "creator economy." Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

• Oct. 1, El Planeta, Oct. 10. This Spanish film follows a mother and daughter as they grift to keep up the lifestyle they think they deserve, bonding over common tragedy and an impending eviction. It's multimedia artist Amalia Ulman's first feature, and she stars with her mother, Ale Ulman. Schedule: Oct. 1 at 7 pm; Oct. 2 at 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:30 pm; Oct. 3 at 2 pm and 4 pm; Oct. 8 at 4:30 pm and 7 pm; and Oct. 10 at 2 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

• Oct. 1, Center of Attention, 4:30 pm. Professor Holly Hepp-Galván leads an extended conversation on Isamu Noguchi's "The Well" (Variation on a Tsukubai, 1982). The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC.

• Oct. 1, Pumpkin Patch, Oct. 30. Wander through the field to scoop up the perfect pumpkin. Weekdays, noon to 4:30 pm, and weekends, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

• Oct. 2, Sanctuary Show, March 6. This annual outdoor display features 11 pieces by 13 artists who were asked to interpret "sanctuary." Opening reception features performance by artist Monsieur Zohore and composer Joshua Coyne on Oct. 2, 3 pm to 6 pm. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

• Oct. 2, Oktoberfest Flushing Style: Sauerkraut and Kimchi, 5:30 pm. Tours, music, games, site-made honey, and two versions of cabbage that unite the neighborhood's German past and Korean present. (Rain date: Oct. 3 at 2:30 pm.) Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

• Oct. 2, Everything, 2 pm. Valerie Green/Dance Entropy presents a live event inspired by astrophotography, string theory, interconnectivity, and meditations on space and time with a post-performance Q&A with the artists. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

• Oct. 2, Maze by Moonlight, Oct. 28. Nighttime adds an element of challenge to the labyrinth experience. The rustling of the corn and the crickets seem amplified in darkness. Schedule: Oct. 2, Oct. 23, and Oct. 28. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

• Oct. 2, Homecoming, 8 pm. Tony-winning Def Poetry Jam Co-creator Danny Simmons and two-time Grammy-winning bassist Ron Carter perform along with Carter's Golden Striker Trio, Jazz Singer and host Lezlie Harrison, and spoken-word artists ursula rucker, Derick Cross, and Bonafide Rojas. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

• Oct. 2, Paper Lanterns, 1 pm. Lanterns used to light the way home in the 19th century. They also brightened homes with beautiful patterns punched into the tin. Learn about the lantern's decorative art side — including some spooky myths — and make one to take home. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

• Oct. 3, Sunnyside Restaurant Crawl, 2 pm. More than 30 diverse eateries offer samples. Tour guides and free trolleys available. Check in at Lowery Plaza, 40th Street and Queens Boulevard under the elevated 7 train.

• Oct. 3, Astoria Tour, 2:30 pm. "Walking Queens" author Adrienne Onofri leads a two-hour tour of Astoria with emphasis on history, demographics, modern life, and wacky stories. Delayed virtual participation is available. Meet outside Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, corner of 35th Avenue and 36th Street.

• Oct. 3, Triple Threat, 5 pm. A three-way collaborative adventure featuring multiple performers, overlapping performances, multi-disciplinary, body/non-body based, time oriented, finished / experimental / unfinished / process art, a dance party, and more. First come, first serve. The Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.

• Oct. 3, Alicia Waller & Judith Sloan Double Bill: Migration, Refuge & Finding Home, 3 pm. Two artists who recently won City Artists

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 For the Week of ... 9/30/21 - 10/6/21

For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Put your time and energy into travel, philosophy, and soul-searching. You should be putting in some overtime. Your lucky numbers are: 4,9,7

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 You should get out and meet new people this week. After all, they may have valuable information to pass on. Your lucky numbers are: 9,4,6

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 It might be best to keep your ideas to yourself this week. Your ability to charm others will put you in the limelight at social functions. Your lucky numbers are: 5,9,7

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 You can make money if you are careful not to let it trickle through your fingers. Don't say things that could be damaging later on. Your lucky numbers are: 3,9,8

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Your self-confidence will attract members of the opposite sex. Your domestic scene could continue to be in an uproar this week. Your lucky numbers are: 2,4,6

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 You will be highly entertaining when in contact with your lover. Secret affairs will come back to haunt you. Your lucky numbers are: 3,9,7

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You can prosper if you invest in property or stocks. Spend some quality time with the one you love. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,5

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You will learn valuable information if you travel. Enjoy the company of relatives. Rewards for past good deeds will be yours. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,9

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Take time to deal with legal documents and the affairs of people who you may be indebted to. Spend time getting to know each other. Your lucky numbers are: 6,9,4

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 You will find the excitement gratifying. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Don't let children or elders put demands on your time. Your lucky numbers are: 3,8,7

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. You need to put some trust in others. Your lucky numbers are: 3,9,6

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Do a little investigating if there is someone at work you don't trust. Plan to get together with someone special later in the week. Your lucky numbers are: 5,7,1

Did You Know?

- Carrots contain 0% fat
- 1 billion snails are served in restaurants each year
- Plastic bottles were first used for soft drinks in 1970
- The \$ sign was introduced in 1788
- The meaning of 'Blue Chip' comes from blue casino chips which have a high value
- DVDs are physically the same size as a CDs but can store 13 times more data
- The term 'disc jockey' was first used in 1937
- Sound travels 4.3 times faster through water than in air
- The average soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels and held together by 642 stitches
- Soccer is the most followed sport
- Volleyball was invented in 1895
- That in developed countries 27% of food is thrown away
- The odds of being struck by lightning are 600,000 to 1
- The first train reached a top speed of only 8 kmh (5 mph)
- Niagara Falls could fill 4,000 bathtubs every second
- It takes 1 alligator to make a pair of shoes and 3 for a pair of boots
- Your most active muscles are in your eye
- A banana contains 75% water
- 13 people die every year from vending machines

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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TRY AND FIND

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ACROSS

- Young girl
- Nib
- Barf
- Within
- Spindle
- Banish
- Disconnected musical sounds
- Wager (two words)
- Leg bone
- A sudden violent disturbance
- Emergency bank credit
- Snake
- Santa's helper
- Venomous snake
- Beseches
- Completely
- Eye layer
- Adjoin
- _____ fit
- Skittles
- Nonsense (British)
- Ribonucleic acid
- Pester
- Female sheep
- Unruly crowd
- Candidate
- Belonging to the middle class
- Tobogganists
- Presents
- Any animal with no feet
- Put down (as to animals)
- Cavalry weapon
- Expunge
- Annoying insect
- Famous
- Killed
- Knights

DOWN

- Enumerate
- Against
- Knife
- Psychopath
- Bleat
- Blackmail
- Clearly
- Sparrow hawks
- Reject outright
- Put forth, as effort
- Chickadees
- Coagulate
- Female chicken
- Spelunked
- Hoopla
- Cover
- Sudden burst
- Arm joint
- Utilize again
- Birdlike
- Feel
- Antiquated
- An Old Testament king
- Revolts
- Engenders
- Girlfriend (Spanish)
- Present-day
- Get cozy
- Moisten
- A thin porridge
- Extent
- Gray wolf
- French for Finished or Done
- Russian emperor
- Collections
- Request
- Cut down

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

Senator Liu Hosts Goodie Bag Giveaway at Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center



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State Senator John Liu hosted a goodie bag giveaway at the Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center in celebration of the 19th Annual Senior Appreciation Month. Approximately 100 goodie bags which contain some treats, coupons, personal safety alarms and other items donated by local businesses as well as the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) were distributed at the event.

Danielle Ellman, Chief Executive Officer of Commonpoint Queens said, “For the past 20 months seniors have been isolated

and alone, events such as this that celebrate older adults, provide them with valuable resources and put a smile on their face have taken on deeper meaning since the pandemic. We are incredibly grateful to Senator Liu who has continually been our advocate and a true friend to the older adults in our community.

Barbara Becker Bruno, Assistant Vice President for Older Adult Services said, “We need a powerful voice in Albany for our Older Adults, and elected officials who take the time to hear their concerns and address their needs, especially post COVID-19 crisis. Senator Liu has been such

a voice and Commonpoint Queens Older Adult Services appreciates his continued support of our programs.”

Senator Liu said, “After the long dark COVID tunnel, it’s truly a pleasure to celebrate the Senior Appreciation Month in-person along with wonderful seniors at Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center. Our Seniors have done so much to build up our communities and this month we recognize their contributions. Much thanks to Commonpoint Sam Field Senior Center for providing various services, not to mention for being the best place for seniors to make friends and socialize.”

NYC Parks Announces \$21 Million to Develop Gwen Ifill Park in Jamaica

As part of City Hall In Your Borough, NYC Parks Acting Commissioner Margaret Nelson joined Council Member I. Daneek Miller, Community Board 12 District Manager Yvonne Reddick, Reverend Phil Craig of Greater Springfield Community Church, and community members to announce a \$21 million allocation from Mayor de Blasio to develop Gwen Ifill Park into a community greenspace in Jamaica, Queens. Located in Ifill’s childhood neighborhood, the park is one of 28 park spaces recently named in honor of the Black experience in New York City.

“We’re thrilled to announce this significant investment into Gwen Ifill Park,” said NYC Parks Acting Commissioner Margaret Nelson. “Thanks to Mayor de Blasio, we will be able to create a beautiful new park for fitness, recreation, and respite. Upon completion, the new Gwen Ifill Park will serve as a place of remembrance of her incredible talents and leadership in the field of journalism.”

“Gwen Ifill was a favorite daughter of Jamaica, Queens, and her many accomplishments in journalism show us there are no limits to what we can achieve,” said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. “This \$21 million project to develop Gwen Ifill Park will turn it into a neighborhood jewel that will greatly benefit the people of Southeast Queens and do justice to Gwen’s memory. Thank you to Mayor de Blasio for allocating this funding, which will help ensure that Gwen’s legacy of journalistic excellence will never be forgotten.”

“We are incredibly excited



for this investment in Gwen Ifill Park and thank Mayor de Blasio for his support of Southeast Queens green space and infrastructure. In the past two years alone, we’ve been able to allocate nearly \$130 million to local parks and recreation, a great benefit to the physical and mental health of district residents,” said Council Member I. Daneek Miller. “We are looking forward to discourse and engagement with the community as feedback is collected and this project moves forward.”

Last week, a community scoping meeting was held with local residents to officially kick off the design phase of the project. Participants were encouraged to share their visions for the site, identify desired amenities, and discuss programming preferences. NYC Parks’ Community Input Meetings are designed to provide residents an understanding of how the planning process can help public spaces better serve surrounding neighborhoods.

Last June, Parks pledged to

continue to demonstrate how it stands in solidarity with the Black community in its fight to combat systemic racism. Since then, the agency has named 28 parks spaces, including Gwen Ifill Park, in honor of the Black experience to help acknowledge the legacies of these Black Americans; encourage discourse about their contributions, and work to make the park system more diverse and reflective of the people it serves.

Gwen Ifill was born in Jamaica, Queens, and was a leading journalist, television broadcaster, and author. She was the first African American woman to anchor a nationally televised U.S. public affairs program, Washington Week in Review. Later, she co-anchored PBS NewsHour.

The former Railroad Park took its name from the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) whose tracks form the area’s southwest boundary. In 1962, The City of New York acquired the property from

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Councilman Moya Joined President Biden During Visit to East Elmhurst for Ida Recovery



President Joe Biden is pictured with NYC Councilmember Francisco Moya during the Presidents visit to East Elmhurst. President Biden said that climate change poses an existential threat to our lives and our economy; it also disproportionately ravages our most vulnerable communities. We’ve seen it with COVID-19 and we are seeing it with natural disasters like Ida. We need to accelerate action now including updating the floodplain maps so that my constituents are not paying for it—with their property, their savings, and their lives.

Apply for disaster assistance and report damage to your prop-

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Call 1-800-621-3362 (711 or VRS available) from 7AM-1AM, 7 days a week.

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□ Queens College: Student Union, 152-45 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

For more resources, visit: nyc.gov/Ida or call my office 718-651-1917 with any questions you may have.

We will continue to work within the community and with partners to supplement where possible like we did with our food distribution.



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CM Eric Ulrich, Elected Officials, QPL President Dennis Walcott, Announce Capital Upgrades to Woodhaven Library

The Woodhaven branch of Queens Public Library, which opened its doors in 1924 and was the last Carnegie Library built in Queens, will soon receive a major capital improvement, Councilman Eric Ulrich recently announced.

Standing with Queens Public Library President Dennis Walcott, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, and Assembly Member Jennifer Rajkumar, Councilman Ulrich announced the 2022 New York City budget fully funds the library's reconstruction. Councilman Ulrich appropriated \$1.5 million in capital funding and \$4.1 million in capital funding in conjunction with Speaker Corey Johnson for the project. In addition, BP Richards secured \$1.5 million. The total cost of the renovation exceeds \$25 million.

The project will entail a comprehensive renovation of the library's interior. It will feature a new children's room, a new teen room, and new adult reading rooms. The upgrade will also make library more accessible by adding automatic door openers, new interior elevators, new restrooms, and ADA compliant ramps.

Finally, the project will include upgrades to the exterior of the facility. The project will replace all aluminum windows with historically-authentic windows of the same size as the original design. The exterior will also feature a new roofing system and additional masonry work.

"Libraries serve everybody - old and young, rich and poor. They're part of the fabric of our communities. They bring people together. That's why I thought it was so important to ensure that my



Left to Right: Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Council Member Eric Ulrich, Queens Public Library President Dennis Walcott, Assembly Member Jennifer Rajkumar, CB9 First Vice Chair Sherry Algreto

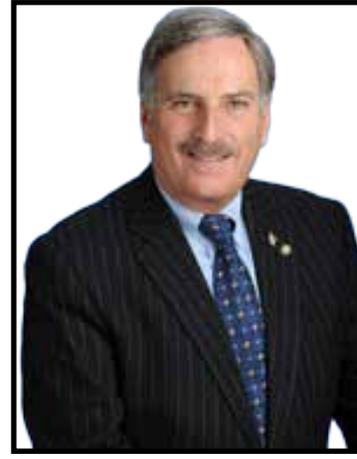
last budget as a Council Member included a major upgrade to the Woodhaven branch of Queens Library," said Councilman Eric Ulrich. "I am particularly grateful to Speaker Johnson and Borough President Richards for their support in ensuring this project received the funding it needs. I also thank Queens Library President Walcott and his team for their tireless efforts to bring superb libraries to our community."

"As a result of Council Member Eric Ulrich's leadership, a full renovation of this historic branch will now be possible," said Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis M. Walcott. "He has been a strong supporter of Queens Public Library during his years in office, and I thank him, Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson and Borough President Donovan

Richards for their commitment to delivering a first-class library to the Woodhaven community that will offer an inspiring, welcoming space and greater access to free information and opportunity."

"As the first elected official from Woodhaven in a generation, I am grateful for this much needed infusion of capital funds into the Woodhaven Library. The new children's room and teen room will foster a lifelong love of reading in the youth of Woodhaven. The complete renovation of the library will create a support space for job seekers and entrepreneurs," said Assembly Member Jennifer Rajkumar. "Libraries are as much a part of our city's infrastructure as any street or subway, and today our elected officials recognize this with an unprecedented amount of capital funding for our beloved community library."

Assemblyman David I. Weprin Testifies at MTA Hearing Regarding Congestion Pricing



Assemblyman David Weprin testified this morning at the MTA Hearing regarding congestion pricing. In his testimony, the Assemblyman mentioned that the plan disenfranchises middle-class families in the outer borough. Please see the testimony below: I am Assemblyman David Weprin, and I represent the 24th Assembly District in Queens.

I am an advocate for more public transit funding but this "one-size fits all" congestion pricing structure is not the solution. It is an outer-borough tax that will hurt disadvantaged families in New York City while we are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The current congestion pricing plan is highly Manhattan-centric and completely ignores middle-class families and small businesses in the outer boroughs.

Communities in East Queens, Central Brooklyn, and parts of the Bronx are transit deserts. People have to take two buses before they can reach the subway.

For many, their trip into Man-

hattan can take nearly two hours!

Taxing working families who use a car to avoid a long, tiring commute will only add additional expenses to budgets that are already too tight.

This impacts the disabled who cannot use public transit and the elderly who need to get to a medical appointment fast.

Furthermore, the MTA is set to receive \$10.5 billion federal dollars. What is the MTA doing with that money?

The MTA is notorious for mismanaging funds. We shouldn't have to subsidize their wasteful practices.

I would support modifications to congestion pricing which would allow those who are low-income, seniors, disabled, or from transit deserts to receive an exemption or pay a lower toll.

There are other ways to generate revenue such as ending the stipulated fine program, restoring a commuter tax, or increasing fees on app-based for-hire vehicles.

We must focus on fixing the MTA while ensuring it is not at the expense of working families in the outer boroughs.

Elected in 2010, David I. Weprin represents the 24th Assembly District of New York State in Queens. Comprised of the partial or entire communities of Briarwood, Bellerose Manor, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hillcrest, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village, Richmond Hill, and Utopia; the 24th Assembly District boasts one of the most diverse constituencies in New York State.

CM Francisco P. Moya With NYC Sanitation Commissioner Grayson Addressing Garbage Issues in His District

Together with NYC Sanitation Commissioner Grayson, I announced a \$472,000 historic allocation to tackle the garbage issues plaguing District 21 neighborhoods.

The following are solutions Councilman Moya is working on to resolve the issues that affect his council district:

Garbage Issues - I announced a historic investment of \$472,000, the most in Queens and among the highest across NYC, to get the garbage off our streets and tackle illegal dumping. The \$472,000 allocation is part of approximately \$900,000 I secured for added services, community clean-ups, graffiti removals, and the beautification of our District 21 neighborhoods. With these resources and your partnership, we can make a real difference but we need everyone to do their part. Check out the coverage on ABC's Eyewitness News, CBS2 News, Univision, and NY1 Noticias.

Ida Relief - we continue to underscore the need to bring attention and immediate resources to those impacted, from joining President Biden during his visit to the area to working with the City to bring pop up service centers in East Elmhurst and the Office of Emergency Management to LeFrak City immediately after



the storm. We will continue to host and partner on distributions, from food to mattresses (happening today and tomorrow) to bring relief wherever possible to our families impacted.

Moya Back-to-School backpack giveaway weekend - together with partners and members of the community, we distributed thousands of backpacks and school supplies to students in Corona, East Elmhurst and LeFrak City. If you know of a student that is still in need of a backpack or school supplies, please contact my office 718-651-1917 or email district21@council.nyc.gov.

The fight to improve quality

of life and bring resources to our communities continues.

Moya also announced that I secured significant funds, approximately \$870,000 of which \$472,000—a historic investment, the most in Queens, and among the highest in NYC—will be dedicated to NYC Sanitation services to tackle the garbage issues and illegal dumping plaguing our District 21 neighborhoods. NEW +10 enforcement cameras, NEW haulster to service narrower areas, and for use before & post snow storms and ADDITIONAL hours per week for litter basket & Manual Litter Patrol service

Kid's Day in South Ozone Park



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz partnered with Council member Adrienne Adams and the NYPD 106th Police Precinct for a Kid's Day Event

in South Ozone Park this week.

Kids and their families received free school supplies, helmets, bike registrations and more!

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Nas And DJ Cassidy Raise Enough to Help City Harvest Feed Over 2.5m New Yorkers For a Day

All Proceeds from the 'Concert to Feed NYC' Benefit City Harvest, New York City's First and Largest Food Rescue Organization, as NYC Continues to Face Record-High Rates of Food Insecurity

Legendary MC Honored with Key to Queens Alongside City Harvest Frontline Workers

On September 23, Grammy-winning and legendary hip-hop artist Nas returned to his hometown of Queens, New York to headline the Concert to Feed NYC at Forest Hills Stadium following the chart-topping release of King's Disease II. Proceeds from the concert benefited City Harvest, New York City's first and largest food rescue organization, and will help the organization rescue and deliver nutritious food during a time of historic food insecurity across the city. Native New Yorker, world renowned mastro, record producer, and creator of the groundbreaking series, "Pass The Mic," DJ Cassidy, kicked off the night with an electric hour long musical journey celebrating New York.

Celebrities in attendance included Girls Who Code Founder Reshma Saujani, model and City Harvest Champion Brooks Nader, and rapper and record-producer Slick Rick. The Concert to Feed NYC also featured

VIP Speakeasy suites and mini-lounges with menus curated by City Harvest Food Council Members, including chef Angie Mar from her latest, Les Trois Chevaux, and exclusive culinary offerings from Matt Katakis's Butcher Bar, Simon Kim and David Shim's COTE Korean Steakhouse, Roni Mazumdar and Chintan Prandya's Rahi, and Melba Wilson's Melba's. They were joined by Nas's favorite, Lauren Gustus's Sweet Chick.

After the concert, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards honored Nas with an official Key to the Borough and proclamation. A longtime supporter of City Harvest, Nas received the key alongside 10 frontline City Harvest workers, who worked tirelessly during the height of the pandemic to rescue and deliver more than 200 million pounds of nutritious food to their neighbors across New York City—an unprecedented effort that was more than double the amount of food the organization rescued and delivered over the same time period pre-pandemic.

As New York City begins its long recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, countless New Yorkers will continue to feel the economic pain of the pandemic for years to come. The Concert to Feed NYC helped support City Harvest's efforts to ensure that no New Yorker will have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

"We are grateful to our longtime friend Nas and to DJ Cassidy for

partnering with City Harvest to raise enough funds to help us feed over 2.5M New Yorkers struggling to put meals on their tables due to the pandemic," said Jilly Stephens, CEO of City Harvest. "At a moment when food insecurity rates continue to be at record highs throughout our city, we are proud to partner with them to bring fresh, nutritious food to thousands of families across the five boroughs."

During the pandemic, the need for food surged across the city—soaring 41% among all New Yorkers and a shocking 53% among children. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, City Harvest has worked tirelessly to rescue and deliver millions of pounds of food for the growing number of New Yorkers who are struggling to put meals on their tables.

Samlyn Capital founder, Rob Pohly, who underwrote all venue-related expenses for the event, said, "I'm thrilled that the Concert to Feed NYC raised enough to help feed New Yorkers in need. It was inspiring to see City Harvest, Nas, DJ Cassidy, members of New York City's restaurant community, and every day New Yorkers come together to help feed our neighbors in need during this critical time."

Special thanks to Citi, Diageo, DKNY, Horizon Media, and the Mets for their dedicated support of the Concert to Feed NYC!

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Responds to \$27 Million Fund For Undocumented New Yorkers Impacted By Tropical Storm Ida

On Monday, September 27th, 2021, New York State Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was pleased to learn that Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a new \$27 million fund for undocumented New Yorkers ineligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance due to their documentation status in partnership with the City of New York. The Assemblymember believes that everyone should be able to access the necessary resources to recover from the damage of tropical storm Ida regardless of their immigration status.

The funding is made up by \$20 million in state emergency appropriations and \$7 million will come from New York City's budget. It will be distributed via community-based organizations. Individuals will be required to prove residency by using various documents, including a letter from a landlord

or a utility bill. Residents will be eligible for up to \$36,000 for housing expenses and up to \$36,000 for other needs. New Yorkers whose households were excluded from FEMA assistance will have until November 26th to apply for the funds.

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas's district was hit especially hard by Ida, and she witnessed the devastation that ensued which led her to raise the exclusion of undocumented New Yorkers to President Joseph R. Biden and the FEMA Administrator, Deanne Criswell, during the President's visit to Queens on September 7th. In the wake of Tropical Storm Ida, this fund will provide much-needed assistance to thousands of undocumented New Yorkers whose homes and belongings were damaged or destroyed. The Assemblymember also thanked the organizations involved in distributing the funds to residents in need, including Make the Road NY, MinKwon Center for

Community Action, and the Chinese American Planning Council.

"I'm grateful to know that the city and state are working together to allocate funding to provide necessary relief to our undocumented neighbors impacted by the aftermath of Tropical Storm Ida who would otherwise be eligible. My district was hit hard by the devastation that ensued with several residents losing their homes and belongings," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas. "The storm heavily impacted marginalized communities that have already been devastated by the coronavirus pandemic, the threat of eviction, and exclusion by federal relief efforts. This fund will ensure that every individual and family can more adequately recover no matter their immigration status. I'm also grateful to the community-based organizations that continue to partner with us in distributing necessary relief."

Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein Issued The Following Statement

"The MTA is still in a state of fiscal crisis. As pandemic aid expires, riders could suffer steep fare hikes and deep service cuts starting next year.

"Meanwhile, over four million New Yorkers depend on subways and buses every day. It's impossible to imagine New York's future without a strong transit system.

"Senator Schumer saved the MTA from ruin during the pandemic and New York needs more transit aid in the federal budget for what is shaping up to be a lengthy recovery."

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Meng Helps Secure Millions For NY Schools to Increase Internet Access For Students

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) announced that New York City Schools have been awarded millions of dollars in federal funding that she helped secure for connecting students to the internet.

In March, Meng, and U.S. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), helped to obtain more than \$7 billion in E-Rate Emergency Connectivity Funding for schools to provide Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, internet service and internet-enabled devices so that students can obtain internet access during the COVID-19 crisis. These funds include more than \$192 million for New York City schools, and nearly \$739,000 for some schools just in her district alone.

“I am thrilled that our local schools have secured money from this critical fund that I have been proud to champion,” said Congresswoman Meng. “When the application period opened in June, I urged area schools to seek funding, and I’m glad that they did. During the pandemic, we have seen how crucial internet access has been for learning and completing assignments. During remote learning, it was essential. It is unacceptable and unconscio-

nable that millions of students across the country, including many in New York, still don’t have access to the internet, and this lack of connectivity continues to be a barrier to academic success. Each and every student deserves to have the tools they need to succeed, and that includes being able to get online. I look forward to these funds increasing internet access for students in our city and borough, and I thank and commend Acting Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel and her team for supporting and administering this vital program.”

“Too many kids struggle without the broadband they need for nightly schoolwork. The Homework Gap is the cruelest part of our digital divide. But the FCC has new tools to fix it,” said FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel. “Today, the FCC announced \$1.2 billion in Emergency Connectivity Fund support is headed to thousands of schools and libraries to help, including many across New York. I’m grateful for Congresswoman’s Meng’s commitment to ensuring 100% of us have the affordable internet access we need

for modern day success, including our students.”

The E-Rate Emergency Connectivity Fund money that Meng helped secure was included in the American Rescue Plan, the most recent coronavirus relief package passed by Congressional Democrats and signed into law in March by President Biden.

This announcement is the first round of funding that the FCC is allocating under the program. This first wave includes over \$1.2 billion for more than 3,000 schools and libraries to connect over 3.6 million students to the internet.

In July, Meng, Markey and Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) – along with other Senators and House Members – introduced the Securing Universal Communications Connectivity to Ensure Students Succeed (SUCCESS) Act to build on the success of securing funding. The money would extend the Emergency Connectivity Fund by providing \$8 billion a year over five years -- for a total of \$40 billion – in order to continue providing Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and internet-enabled devices to students following the COVID-19 crisis.

Assemblywoman Rozic, DCWP Commissioner Hatch Warn Flushing Homeowners re: post-Ida Price Gouging

Recently, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection Commissioner Peter A. Hatch, State Committeewoman Sandra Ung, NYC Mayor’s Public Engagement Unit, and the NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs went door-to-door in Flushing to speak with homeowners near Kissena Park who were affected by #StormIda. They shared important tips when hiring contractors for home repairs and warned about price gouging.



Under the City of New York’s declared state of emergency, businesses cannot excessively increase the price of any goods or services that are essential to

health or safety. This includes home repair, plumbing, electrical services. Predatory businesses will face violations and fines.

If a renter or homeowner

thinks a business excessively increased the cost for repairs, file a complaint: Call 311 and say overcharge OR File report online on.nyc.gov/overcharge

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and valuable perspectives into our projects,” Governor Hochul said. “Our diversity is our strength, and by utilizing the special skills of women and people of color in what we do, we are making our economy more inclusive and more robust. I am more committed than ever to leveling the playing field so that women- and minority-owned businesses have increased access to State contracts, and I commend the MTA for taking a leading role in breaking down the barriers these entrepreneurs face. As the metropolitan region’s premier public transportation provider, the MTA services a remarkably diverse ridership, and what better way to fully realize the needs of these riders than to make sure the contractors also reflect this diversity.”

“Growing the pool of firms we work with is not only the right thing to do from a social justice

perspective, it simply makes good business sense because it means increased competition in our procurement process,” said Acting MTA Chair & CEO Janno Lieber. “The Small Business Mentoring Program is a model for state agencies and local governments across the nation and I’m certain it will only grow more successful in the years to come as we work with new firms to modernize mass transit in the region.”

“Today is an exciting day,” said MTA Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer Michael Garner. “We have worked relentlessly to grow the share of contracts we award and we are immensely proud to have now awarded in excess of a half a billion dollars to hundreds of first-rate firms around the region. We will continue to grow our pool of eligible businesses, because a more equitable approach to awarding contracts is a win not only for the MTA but for the entire regional

economy. Additionally, as we invest in the region’s infrastructure, we are also investing in a diverse pool of qualified businesses as a strategy of creating jobs within those often-excluded communities. Access to government contracts equals job creation, homeownership, better educational opportunities and healthcare options.”

To celebrate the milestone accomplishment, Garner was joined by two awardees at a news conference today. Yolanda Valdes from Empower Contracting and Hely Duarte of Zion Contracting spoke about the impact the program has had on their businesses over the years.

“We started in the program back in 2011. Back then, we were a small painting company with a lot of dreams to become a general contractor. The problem was, we didn’t have the resource,” said Hely Du-

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Corps Grants from New York Foundation for the Arts offer music and poetry focusing on migration, refuge, and finding home. Soprano/vocalist Waller leads the jazz fusion ensemble Alicia Waller & The Excursion, while Sloan is a playwright, poet, and multi-faceted artist. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 3, Words, Quad, Water, 4 pm. Mark Morris Dance Group presents outdoor performances, including a new piece, “Water,” and the Samuel Beckett play “Quad.” MMDG offers a dance class for all ages and abilities at 3 pm. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.
- Oct. 3, Literary Sunday, 12:30 pm. Fiction writer Mary Lannon, who recently won a City Artists Corps Grant from New York Foundation for the Arts, poet Pichchenda Bao, non-fiction writer Sangamithra Iyer, and poet Joseph O. Legaspi lead the program. The Center at Maple Grove, enter at 129th Street and Kew Gardens Road.
- Oct. 3, Hocus Pocus, 7 pm. The Movie Nights at the Garden outdoor series continues with this funny, family-friendly film about the Sanderson witches. Pre-screening magic show. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.
- Oct. 4, Red Sea Spies, 1 pm. Commonpoint Queens presents this virtual presentation by Raffi Berg on his new book about undercover Israeli spies who helped evacuate thousands of Ethiopian Jews from Sudanese refugee camps in the early 1980s.
- Oct. 6, Carol Sudhalter & Friends, 7:15 pm. Saxophonist/flutist Carol Sudhalter and her seven-piece ensemble play a mix of compositions, including some by Queens jazz legends such as Jimmy Heath, Count Basie, and Louis Armstrong. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- Oct. 7, Greater New York, April 18. This annual exposition features 47 artists who use a variety of media—i.e. surrealist painting, documentary photography, large-scale installation—to articulate their relationship to NYC; examine concepts of selfhood, community, and estrangement; and push against colonial borders. MoMA PSI, 22-25 Jackson Ave.,

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the Rochdale Village limited-profit housing project and expanded the site through land acquired through condemnation the following year. Community advocates including

The Railroad Park Garden Club and a local Boy Scout troop often work together to assist Parks in the landscaping of the park. Both groups work to raise awareness within the community of the park’s ecological benefits and natural resources.

Velázquez Introduces a Resolution in Support of World Contraception Day

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) has introduced a House resolution expressing support for the recognition of September 26, 2021, as World Contraception Day.

“World Contraception Day is about improving awareness of contraception and the right to sexual and reproductive health in the United States and around the globe,” said Velázquez. “The right for someone to have personal autonomy over their own body is a human right that should never be abridged. No matter where someone lives, I will continue to fight for reproductive justice for all.”

Globally, 270 million people have an unmet need for family planning using modern contraception, and research has shown that in particular people of color have a lack of quality information about effective family planning

methods. Effective contraception has been shown to be an important strategy to maintaining and improving mental health and well-being. Access to contraception has also been shown to increase labor force participation and boost economic health and prosperity. In addition, studies have showed that preventing teenagers from accessing contraceptives puts teens at risk of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

This resolution is also co-sponsored by Alma Adams, Henry “Hank” Johnson, Ritchie Torres, Judy Chu, Sheila Jackson Lee, Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Caroline B. Maloney, Suzan DelBene, James P. McGovern, Jerrold Nadler, Adriano Espaillat, Grace Meng, Suzanne Bonamici, Katherine Clark.



MTA Announces Increased Mask Enforcement Throughout the System

Customers Refusing to Wear Masks Are Subject to Receive a Summons

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is advising customers that beginning Thursday, September 23, MTA officers will be stepping up mask enforcement throughout the system and those who do not comply with mask requirements will be more likely to face a \$50 fine. Mask-wearing is a federal requirement on trains, buses and paratransit vehicles.

Following Labor Day, the MTA began on a blitz of mask distribution, with MTA staff and police officers strategically stationed at subway and railroad hubs, and bus terminals, distributing tens of thousands of free masks to unmasked riders. This continues an approach established in September 2020, when the MTA implemented a \$50 fine to help increase mask compliance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal of heightened enforcement is to increase mask usage across all agencies, and to return to 2020 and early 2021 compliance levels where nearly 100% of riders wore masks onboard subways, buses, commuter railroads and paratransit vehicles. Since the \$50 fine was implemented on September 14, 2020, MTA police officers have had over 88,000 positive encounters with customers. This has included the distribution of



more than 50,000 free masks overall, 25,000 in the two weeks since the blitz began on September 7.

"Promoting mask usage is an important component to protecting one another," said Patrick Warren, MTA Chief Safety Officer. "To support the use of masks we have provided tens of millions of free masks to customers, complemented by a robust communication endeavor. These efforts have seen mask usage recently rise on buses and trains. This next phase of our blitz will reinforce that wearing a mask is not optional. Vaccinated or not, you must wear a mask when traveling on public transit."

"Our officers have surged into major hubs to remind riders to wear their mask, and have handed out 25,000 free masks in just two weeks," said Joseph McGrann, Acting Chief of the MTA Police Department. "In the coming weeks officers will step up enforcement efforts on commuter

rails and work with our partners at the NYPD for the subway and bus system. The message is clear, wear a mask. Riders who are still not getting this message will now see the cost associated with that thinking."

Since the mask blitz began at key transit hubs, mask usage has increased. Latest surveys show that mask compliance onboard buses is approximately 94%, 87% on subways, 92% on the LIRR and 95% on Metro-North.

To date the MTA has made 11.1 million masks available for customers. Through the Authority's trailblazing Mask Force, which launched in July 2020, more than 800,000 free masks have been distributed to customers.

Free masks remain available for any customer that forgets a mask at subway station booths and onboard commuter railroad trains. Distribution efforts continue to be complemented with digital messaging and announcements in stations.

New York State Department of Labor Announces \$15 Minimum Wage Phase-in to Continue as Labor Shortages Drive Up Wage Earnings

The New York State Department of Labor recently announced the state's \$15 minimum wage phase-in will continue, with the next stage taking effect December 31, 2021. The announcement follows a statutorily required report by the Division of the Budget that found evidence of pressure for wages to rise in the midst of a pandemic-driven labor shortage. The minimum wage will rise to \$15 per hour on Long Island and in Westchester, matching the \$15 hourly minimum already set in New York City. The Director of the Division of Budget, together with the Commissioner of Labor, determined that the minimum wage should rise to \$13.20 per hour in the rest of the state based upon economic factors and indices.

"Companies, particularly those that employ low-wage workers, are already raising wages and in some cases offering incentives to hire amid a labor-shortage that is showing no sign of abating, and it makes sense to raise the wage floor now and continue supporting New York's families while providing a predictable path forward for businesses," Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said. "With today's action we are continuing the work of building back with equity and justice."

The report produced by the Division of the Budget is required by the minimum wage statute to review the state of the economy and de-

termine whether increases move forward as scheduled or should be delayed.

For 2021, the statute also requires the Director of the Division of Budget evaluate economic factors and determine, with the Commissioner of Labor, the rate of minimum wage increases outside of New York City, Long Island and Westchester. As the report describes, the minimum wage in that region is determined to increase based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers as well as nonfarm business labor productivity, enabling low-wage workers to continue to afford the same basket of goods and services and then some based on rising productivity.

Key findings from the Division of the Budget's Minimum Wage Report include:

- The low-wage sector was the most severely impacted by the pandemic: 1 million, or 57.2 percent of the private sector losses, were in the three industries where minimum wage workers are most concentrated – retail trade, health care and social assistance, leisure and hospitality. These sectors represented only 42.5 percent of private employment at the February 2020 pre-Covid peak. In just two months, the low-wage sector experienced a combined loss of 31.0 percent of its jobs.
- Results from the Survey

of Consumer Expectations, compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, suggest that the pandemic has caused some workers to reassess the value of their labor. The survey asks workers the lowest wage they would accept in their chosen line of work, called a reservation wage. Survey results indicate the nationwide reservation wage attained a historical peak of \$71,400 in March 2021, a 15.7% increase from March 2020 and while it dipped in July 2021, it remained elevated over a two-year period, indicating particularly strong growth in reservation wages among less educated and young workers.

• The Conference Board Help Wanted Online Index is showing statewide job postings at record highs. Total job postings for July 2021, the most recent month available, exceeded the March 2020 pre-pandemic peak by 72.4 percent. The shortage of low-skill/low-wage labor appears to be even more severe. July postings specifying a high school education or vocational training exceed their March 2020 pre-pandemic peak by 95.4 percent. Moreover, postings specifying either a high school education or vocational training represent 29.9 percent of total postings for July 2021, just below its May 2021 historic high of 31.6 percent.

More information is available at www.ny.gov/minimumwage.

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arte, Owner and President, Zion Contracting. "Little did I know that soon, we would find the Small Business Mentoring Program that opened the door to one of the biggest agencies in New York. We received our first MTA contract three months after we joined the program. Six months after that, we doubled our revenue, and at the end of the year we were doing four times our previous year's revenue. And that was all with the help of the Small Business Mentoring Program."

"Without the opportunities here our company would not be able to grow and learn the way we have with the backbone of the MTA and the TDX support system," said Yolanda Valdes, Owner, Empower Contracting, Inc. "We have been able to compete in an otherwise unavailable market to us as a small business. We don't have the opportunities to do the big contracts especially with the MTA, so that was a great opportunity for us."

The MTA's Department of Diversity and Civil Rights aggressively promotes and recruits MWBE companies, and those owned by service-disabled veterans, at events and forums around the region. It works with the community of providers to ensure that prospective businesses understand how to do business with the Authority and are aware of all requirements. Garner's team also provides continued guidance and support once contracts are awarded to ensure that work is successfully completed. The success is focused on integrating New York State-certified MWBE companies into the MTA's procurements.

In recent years, the MTA has enhanced its Discretionary Procurement Program, which allows the Authority to conduct targeted, faster, more nimble contracting opportunities to the MWBE community. The MTA now accepts contract bids of up to \$1 million through this program, up from the previous \$400,000 cap, a critical step to increasing

diversity in the contracting process and making it the highest discretionary threshold in the State. The Authority worked closely with the New York State Legislature to employ this strategy in an effort to increase the MTA's contract awards directly with eligible State-certified companies in a range of professional services. Just in the area of information technology, the MTA's Discretionary Procurement Program has issued 843 purchase orders to MWBE's totaling \$136.9 million dollars.

To be eligible for certification, a firm must be a small business that is at least 51 percent owned, operated, and controlled by minority group members and/or women. Firms must be authorized to do business in the state of New York.

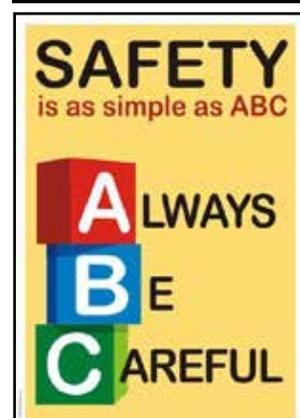
For more information about the MTA's Small Business Mentoring Program, please visit this web page: <https://new.mta.info/doing-business-with-us/small-business-programs>

Senior Appreciation

Council Member I. Daneek Miller hosted a Senior Luncheon for residents of Jamaica, Queens this week, in collaboration with Assembly Member Vivian Cook. The Queens District Attorneys office sponsored the event and QDA Katz was able to inform the attendees about the myriad of resources available for senior citizens through her office - including a Frauds investigation bureau and social work professionals who offer a variety of resources for victims.



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

A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Richard Gutierrez, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Dorothy Difazio, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of Chapin Home for the Aging, 165-01 Chapin Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11432, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Dorothy Difazio, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of November, 2021 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$11,348.42 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent

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to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$83,988.28 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 2nd day of September, 2021 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042

NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS LIMITED. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Accounting Citation 9/9,16,23&30/2021

Notice of Formation of DIFFENDALE SONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/10/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 450 Beach 122nd Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/2,9,16,23,30&10/7/2021

Notice of Formation of BROOKGREEN CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/24/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 10704 103 Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11417. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/26,9/2,9,16,23&30/2021

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PAS14A LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/16/2017. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 41-33 St., Long Island City, NY 11101. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

RIIND BEAUTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/27/21. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6725 Dartmouth St Apt 4N Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 9/16,23,30,10/7, 14&21/2021

AYESHA MANNAN D.O. PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/01/21. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 230-36 148th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

Mairead Flynn Rogan, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/27/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 30-70 29th St., 1st Fl., Astoria, NY 11102. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

19-88 77th Street LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/24/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 76-02 21st Ave., East Elmhurst, NY 11370. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

Notice of Formation of TIBET BIG APPLE CLEANING SERVICE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/21/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 49-11 108 Street, 1st Floor, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

CANE GROVE FARMERS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/13/2021. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 10145 126 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Reg Agent: Bibi Zabeeda Surujbali, 10145 126 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 9/23,30,10/7,14,21&28/2021



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10859 43 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/12/2021. 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: c/o Martha Coronel, 36-43 205th St, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful act. 9/23,30,10/7,14,21&28/2021

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). NAME: GRAND ELM PROPERTY LLC - Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/21/2021. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 85-42 GRAND AVE, ELMHURST NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/30,10/7,14,21,28&11/4/2021

Notice of Formation of MEAL BABE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 248-25 Northern Blvd, Suite 1J-216, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/30,10/7,14,21,28&11/4/2021

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on the 31st day of August, 2021, bearing Index Number NC-000531-21/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) ISABELLA (Middle) SANAI (Last) PREMCHAND; My present name is (First) ISABELLA (Middle) SANAI (Last) SINGH (infant). The city and state of my present address are Ozone Park, NY; My place of birth is QUEENS, NY; and, the month and year of my birth are February 2019. 9/30/2021.

Notice of Formation of C-TECH LOGISTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/09/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 225 Beach 97th Street, Apt. 1, Rockaway Park, NY 11693. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/30,10/7,14,21,28&11/4/2021

Notice of Formation of HighLux Dance LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3058 34th St, Apt 2E, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/30,10/7,14,21,28&11/4/2021

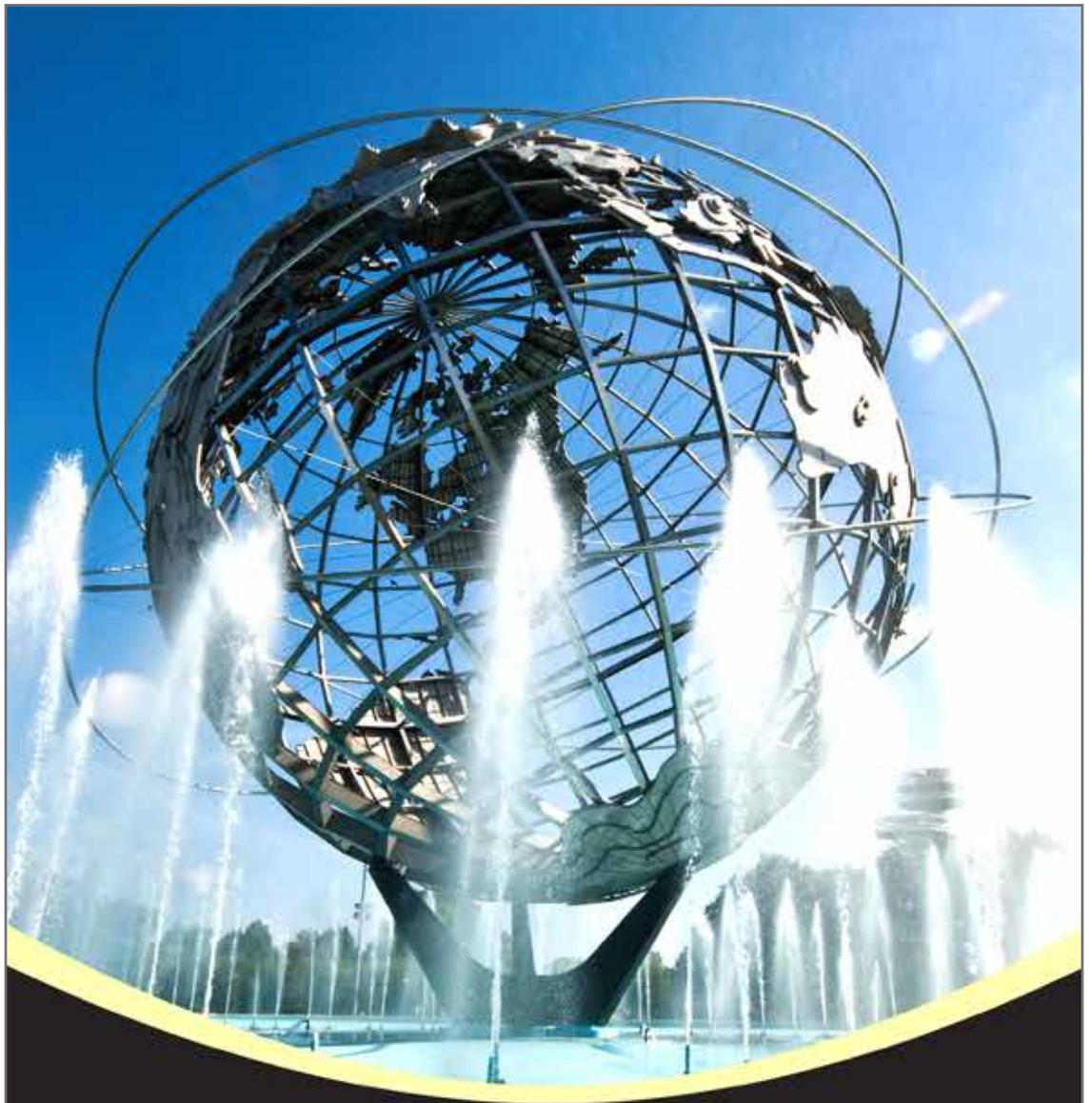
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