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## The Supreme Court Has Weakened U.S. Patents, And Congress Must Act

By Howard Dean

The Supreme Court has handed down momentous decisions over the past two decades on a variety of hot-button issues. But some of the most consequential rulings -- for our physical well-being, our economic vitality, and even our national security -- have flown under the radar.

For years, the justices have steadily chipped away at long-standing intellectual property rights. By doing so, they've unintentionally stymied investment into critical industries, from medical diagnostics to artificial intelligence, that will determine our health, wealth, and security for much of the 21st century.

Take, for instance, *Mayo Collaborative Services v. Prometheus Laboratories*. Prometheus Labs had sued the Mayo Clinic for violating a patent on a diagnostic test for gastrointestinal disease. The Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the Mayo Clinic had, in fact, infringed Prometheus' patent -- but also ruled that the Prometheus technology was ineligible for patenting because it measured a naturally occurring process, even though the test itself was clearly novel.

Mayo caused investors to reduce their funding for U.S. medical diagnostics companies by billions of dollars in the years following the Court's ruling. That drop helps explain

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## The Newly Released Census Data Reveals That The Third Largest Group in The US is Irish



According to the 2020 Census Data the Irish is the third largest group in the US, newly released Census data has revealed. 38,597,428 people said they were Irish alone or in any combination during the 2020 Census, making up 16.4 percent of the overall White alone or in combination population in the US.

Under the groups that are

listed as "White alone or in any other combination" the Irish is the third-largest group in the category in the US, followed by English (46.5 million) and German (44.9 million). Italian (16.8 million), Polish (8.5 million), and Scottish (8.4 million) make up the top five. Irish is also the third-largest group

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## NYC Parks Unveils New \$4.2 Million Waterfront Recreation Space at Sunset Cove in Broad Channel



**\$4.2 million project has created a new outdoor classroom and installed a boardwalk built with reclaimed wood from Sandy-destroyed Rockaway Boardwalk. See story on page 9.**

## Queens DA Melinda Katz Donates Her Father's Piano to Queens College



**Pictured from left to right are Lemma; Li; Moreira; Katz; Wu; School of Music Chair Michael Lipsey; and Donald Perrone, professor of piano performance. Credit De'Shaun Bayne.**

At a recent reception at Queens College, emceed by President Frank H. Wu, recognized District Attorney Melinda Katz for donating her late father David Katz's Concert Grand Steinway to the college. The piano will be used by students in the college's Aaron Copland

School of Music. David Katz founded and conducted the Queens Symphony Orchestra (QSO), the only professional orchestra in the borough; the donation commemorates his efforts to make classical music more accessible to communities in Queens. For many years, QSO

performed in Colden Auditorium, a venue in the college's Kupferberg Center for the Arts. Music students Ricky Moreira, Binghao Li, and Donovan Lemma performed selections from the works of Beethoven, Granados, and Mozart, respectively, on the newly donated piano.

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why European biotech companies were producing and cheaply distributing reliable at-home Covid tests during the first year of the pandemic, while Americans were stuck waiting for days for PCR tests that had to be sent to centralized labs. In Europe, diagnostic tests remain patentable.

Other decisions, such as *Bilski v. Kappos* (2010), *Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics* (2013), and *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank International* (2014), have raised similar uncertainty around patents. Inventors wondered: Are our creations patent-eligible, and if they are, will the patent count for anything?

When inventors cannot capitalize on their inventions, they cannot recruit investors, and transformative ideas cease coming to market. That's especially true in the life sciences industry.

It can take billions of dollars and many years to produce

medical breakthroughs -- breakthroughs protected by patents that can be licensed or sold. Yet absent robust patent protection, potential life sciences investors can't expect a return, and in that case, they take their investment dollars elsewhere.

Fortunately, Congress seems to recognize the damage these Supreme Court rulings have wrought -- and lawmakers are now poised to correct the justices' mistakes.

To restore strength to America's patent system and promote innovation, Congress is contemplating reforms to Section 101 of U.S. patent law, which governs what sort of products and processes are eligible for patent protection. The proposed legislation, spearheaded by Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Thom Tillis (R-NC), eliminates the uncertainty created by the Supreme Court decisions. The bill replaces Mayo and other rulings with new and clearer guidelines.

Crucially, the bill also aligns the U.S. patent system with international standards, enabling American inventors to compete on a level playing field. In a world where the competition for innovative technologies is ever-increasing, the United States can't afford to fall farther behind.

The bill also levels the playing field for inventors and small businesses, enabling them to compete with larger corporations that have more resources to navigate and manipulate the current patent system.

Americans' health, economic prosperity, and even national security depend on regaining an edge over rival nations in critical fields. Supreme Court rulings have derailed our technological leadership. Senators Coons' and Tillis' legislation will help put us back on track.

Howard Dean is the former chair of the Democratic National Committee and former governor of Vermont.

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in the "White alone" category, with 10.9 million people.

On a state level, California has more people who indicated that they are "Irish alone or in any combination" in the "White alone or any other combination" category with 3.3 million. New York followed with 2.5 million, followed by Pennsylvania with 2.2 million, Texas with 2.1 million, and Florida with 2.1 million.

In the "Irish alone" section of the "White alone" category, California (803k) and New York (730k) still come out on top, but Florida moves into third place with 692k people who indicated that they are Irish, followed by

Texas (669k) and Pennsylvania (601k).

"These 2020 Census data illuminate the rich diversity across our nation," said Rachel Marks, chief of the Census Bureau's Racial Statistics Branch. "We have this comprehensive picture thanks to the millions of people who responded to the census and provided their detailed racial, ethnic, or tribal identity, and thanks to the stakeholders, researchers, and tribal leaders who helped us improve how we collect these detailed data."

On the county level, Cook County in Illinois has the most people who said that they were "Irish alone or in any other combination" with 567k. It's followed by

Los Angeles County in California (545k), Maricopa County in Arizona (514k), Middlesex County in Massachusetts (357k), and San Diego County in California (356k).

In the "Irish alone" section of the "White alone" category, Cook County remains on top with 150k, Maricopa County moves into second with 140k, followed by Los Angeles County with 123k, Middlesex County with 121k, and Norfolk County in Massachusetts rounding out the top five with 88k.

Elsewhere, 5,181 people indicated that they were "Northern Irish alone" in the "White alone or in any other combination" category, and 1,611 said they were Northern Irish in the "White alone" category.

# Attorney General James, FTC, And Multistate Coalition Sue Amazon For Illegally Maintaining Monopoly Power

**Lawsuit Details How Amazon Wields Its Monopoly Power to Inflate Prices, Degrade Quality, and Stifle Innovation for Consumers and Businesses**

New York Attorney General Letitia James, leading a bipartisan multistate coalition of 17 attorneys general, joined the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in suing Amazon, alleging that the online retail and technology company is a monopolist that uses a set of interlocking anticompetitive and unfair strategies to illegally maintain its monopoly power. The lawsuit alleges that Amazon's actions allow it to stop rivals and sellers from lowering prices, degrade quality for shoppers, overcharge sellers, stifle innovation, and prevent rivals from fairly competing against Amazon.

The complaint alleges that Amazon violates the law not because it is big, but because it engages in a course of exclusionary conduct that prevents current competitors from growing and new competitors from emerging. By stifling competition on price, product

selection, and quality, and by preventing its current or future rivals from attracting a critical mass of shoppers and sellers, Amazon ensures that no current or future rival can threaten its dominance. Amazon's far-reaching schemes impact hundreds of billions of dollars in retail sales every year, touch hundreds of thousands of products sold by businesses big and small, and affect over a hundred million shoppers.

"Amazon illegally raised prices for consumers and took advantage of online sellers in its storefront and they should be held accountable," said Attorney General James. "Amazon's monopolistic behavior is hurting consumers, online sellers, competition, and the overall economy. Today my office is leading a multistate coalition in joining the FTC to put an end to Amazon's abusive and manipulative practices to protect consumers and small businesses nationwide. Every company, big or small, must abide by the law and my office is not afraid to hold those that don't to account."

The coalition alleges that Ama-

zon's anticompetitive conduct occurs in two markets — the online superstore market that serves shoppers and the market for online marketplace services purchased by sellers. These tactics include:

- Anti-discounting measures that punish sellers and deter other online retailers from offering prices lower than Amazon, keeping prices higher for products across the internet. For example, if Amazon discovers that a seller is offering lower-priced goods elsewhere, Amazon can bury discounting sellers so far down in Amazon's search results that they become effectively invisible.
- Conditioning sellers' ability to obtain "Prime" eligibility for their products — a virtual necessity for doing business on Amazon — on sellers using Amazon's costly fulfillment service, which has made it substantially more expensive for sellers on Amazon to also offer their products on other platforms. This unlawful coercion has limited competitors' ability to effectively compete against

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## NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Releases Report on The City's Immigrant Population And Initiatives of The Office in 2022

NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) Commissioner Manuel Castro released a report on the city's immigrant population and initiatives of the office.

The report highlights the impact of MOIA and showcases the work done by the Adams administration to respond to the challenges that many new immigrant and long-time immigrant New Yorkers faced during calendar year 2022.

"Amidst a global humanitarian crisis that has led to tens of thousands of people seeking refuge in New York City, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs has, time and again, stepped up to the challenge by helping guide policy related to our newest New Yorkers and provide critical core services such as language access and individualized referrals," said Anne Williams-Isom, Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services. "This report provides a snapshot of that work and recognizes the team at MOIA that gets stuff done every day for immigrant families and individuals, whether they just arrived to seek asylum or came to call NYC home through another path. Thank you to Commissioner Castro and his dedicated team for

their work to serve immigrant communities all across the city."

"As someone who immigrated to this country as a child with my mother, and grew up in New York City, I understand the critical work of this office and its importance," said Manuel Castro, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. "Under the leadership of Mayor Eric Adams, and Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom, the city mobilized a colossal humanitarian operation to support our newest New Yorkers. No other city in the nation has responded to this scale. The outpouring of compassion and support from New Yorkers at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, modern-day Ellis Island, has been truly inspiring. This report highlights our efforts in responding to a global humanitarian crisis while continuing to serve longtime immigrant New Yorkers."

In 2022, the Adams administration responded to multiple global humanitarian crises. From the Russian war on Ukraine to the influx of asylum seekers crossing the US/Mexico border, many immigrants came to New York City seeking refuge and a chance at the American Dream. This report

reviews the critical role MOIA played in developing initiatives to support our newest New Yorkers while continuing to serve longtime immigrant New Yorkers.

Some of these initiatives include creating the City's first Ukrainian Response Initiative and continuing to serve Haitian New Yorkers through our Haitian Response Initiative. The MOIA team also engaged with 10,643 immigrant New Yorkers through our Ask-MOIA hotline, delivered 1,536 translations of over 300 different source documents in 49 different languages. Through MOIA's Immigrant hotline, we fielded nearly 40,133 calls conducted over 11,467 comprehensive legal screenings through the city funded immigration providers. Our English Language Learning team hosted 74 courses, reaching over 4,578 English language learners, and trained 146 volunteers online.

While the report presents a snapshot of the City's work in this area, it does not cover the totality of work that MOIA and other New York City agencies do to serve immigrants. To view the full report and learn more about the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, visit [nyc.gov/immigrants](http://nyc.gov/immigrants).

## New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection Releases Guidance For Consumers Purchasing Newly Approved Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids

### Federal Regulations Now in Effect Allow Consumers to Buy Hearing Aids Over the Counter

The New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection and Division of Licensing Services have released guidance to help consumers navigate the process of purchasing hearing aids. In 2022, new federal regulations went into effect allowing retailers to sell hearing aids over the counter. This means consumers with mild to moderate hearing loss can now buy hearing aids in store or online without needing a prescription or formal hearing test. Follow the New York Department of State on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and check in every Tuesday for more practical tips that educate and empower New York consumers on a variety of topics. Sign up to receive consumer alerts directly to your email or phone here.

"As over-the-counter hearing aids become more readily available on store shelves, making them more affordable and accessible, it's important for consumers to understand that shopping for these devices may not be as simple as it seems," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "There are many factors to consider while choosing between over-the-counter and traditional prescription hearing aids, and I urge New Yorkers who are in the process of purchasing hearing aids to read our guidance to help decide which option can best serve their needs."

New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen said, "Over-the-counter hearing aids are an option newly available for many consumers struggling with mild to moderate hearing loss. As with any major purchase – especially one that may be necessary to support quality of life – it's important to make an informed decision that suits your specific needs and expectations when it comes to fittings, maintenance, and other factors. The State's Division of Consumer Protection has provided an exceptional resource to help, and I encourage all who are considering a hearing aid to read this new guidance."

**Professionally Fitted Hearing Aids vs Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids: What's the Difference? Hearing Test:**

- Over the counter: You will not receive a hearing test when you buy over-the-counter hearing aids.
  - Professionally fitted: A registered professional will test your hearing and help you pick a product that meets your needs. They will also refer you to a specialist if your hearing tests reveal a condition that is medically treatable.
- Choosing a Hearing Aid:**
- Over the counter: You will

need to pick the product yourself and do your research to make sure the device you pick can meet your needs. Over-the-counter hearing aids are generally the least expensive option available. (Note: These hearing aids are intended for people with mild to moderate hearing loss and not severe hearing loss.)

- Professionally fitted: A registered professional will discuss your specific hearing needs to help you pick a hearing aid that is most appropriate for you and your budget. A registered professional can help you find the right hearing aid for any level of hearing loss, including severe or profound hearing loss.

**Hearing Aid Fittings:**

- Over the counter: You are responsible for ensuring a proper fit and professional assistance is not provided.

- Professionally fitted: A registered professional will program the device to your unique hearing needs. They will also make sure the device is comfortable and properly fits. The provider will work with you to make sure you are able to correctly use the device on your own.

**Returns and Warranties:**

- Over the counter: Check the product return and refund policies before you buy. You may not be able to return or get a refund on an over-the-counter hearing aid purchase. Over-the-counter hearing aids are not required to provide a warranty.

- Professionally fitted: A registered dispenser must allow you to return the device within 45 days and is required to issue you a refund.

**Follow-up Visits and Resolution of Issues:**

- Over the counter: If you run into any issues with the hearing aids, you will need to contact the device manufacturer. There are no industry standards or laws requiring assistance be provided after you purchase over-the-counter hearing aids.

- Professionally fitted: A registered professional will schedule follow-up visits as necessary to address any difficulties you may have with the device. They are also required to be available to provide adjustments and servicing for any hearing aids they have dispensed.

**Routine Cleaning and Sound Quality Checks:**

- Over the counter: You will not receive routine cleaning and sound quality check services when you purchase over-the-counter hearing aids.

- Professionally fitted: If you purchase a hearing aid from a registered dispenser, you can take your device back to the dispenser for routine cleaning and maintenance for the best performance.

For more information, visit the Food and Drug Administration's website.

## MTA to Provide Shuttle Bus to Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Queens

**Shuttle will Operate Once an Hour Between Mets-Willets Point Subway Station and Flushing Meadows Corona Park Memorial is Free and Open to the Public**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced that it would provide a shuttle bus between the Mets-Willets Point subway station and the NYC Department of Veterans' Services Vietnam War Memorial, which will be in Flushing Meadows Corona Park from Thursday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Between Thursday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 30, the shuttle will operate every 60 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 1, the shuttle will operate every 60 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The shuttle will make stops at Roosevelt Av between Union St and Main St, Roosevelt Av in front of the Mets-Willets Point subway station, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

"Every day, buses help more than one million New Yorkers get to work, school, and everything the city has to offer," said New York City Transit Senior Vice President of Buses Frank Anni-

caro. "We are proud to work with the Department of Veterans' Services to ensure everyone can visit the memorial to pay their respects to the millions of Americans who served in the Vietnam War."

"We are excited to partner with the MTA while The Wall That Heals is on display in Flushing Meadows Corona Park," said NYC Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner James Hendon. "The addition of shuttle buses not only provides a convenient option for New Yorkers to pay their respects, it also makes The Wall That Heals accessible to an even wider audience."

"New Yorkers have a great chance to reflect on our history and pay tribute to our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice when the Wall That Heals opens next week," said New York State Senator John Liu, Member of the Senate Transportation Committee. "Many thanks to the MTA for making sure this special exhibit is accessible to all New Yorkers with bus service between Mets-Willets Point and the memorial in Flushing Meadows Corona Park."

"I commend the MTA for providing this vital service to visit the NYC Department of Veterans Affairs' Vietnam War

Memorial in recognition of our Nation's heroes," said Assembly Member Sam Berger. "To the veterans who served in Vietnam: welcome home."

"The Wall That Heals is a powerful commemoration of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War," said NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. "The Wall's exhibition in New York City provides an important opportunity for local families to honor their loved ones, and there should be minimal impediments to accessing the Wall at its location in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The MTA bus service between Mets-Willets Point and the Memorial is an important step towards making the Wall more accessible in an area that is otherwise hard to reach via public transit."

The Wall That Heals is a partnership with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). The three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War.

## Meng Announces Nearly \$2 Million in Federal Grants For Nonprofits in Queens

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that nearly \$2 million in federal funds has been awarded to two nonprofit organizations in Queens: Make the Road New York and La Jornada.

Make the Road is the largest grassroots immigrant-led orga-

nization in New York State and is located in Jackson Heights, focusing on issues like workers' rights, immigrant and civil rights, and environmental and housing justice. La Jornada, a food pantry in Woodside, helps to provide basic services to address the needs

of the immigrant and low-income communities in Queens.

The money, which includes \$1.6 million for Make the Road and \$250,000 for La Jornada, will help provide equipment and

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## Con Edison Says Region is Warming Quickly as Climate Change Impacts Accelerate

### Update to 2019 Research Predicts Faster Increase of Extreme Hot Temperatures

Temperatures in the New York City region are rising quickly due to climate change, meaning Con Edison must accelerate its investments to keep electric service reliable and resilient for customers, according to Con Edison's 2023 Climate Change Vulnerability Study.

The findings have significant implications for Con Edison's electric delivery system because heat and humidity drive up customers' air conditioning needs, placing a strain on the company's equipment.

By 2030, New York City will experience up to 17 days a year with temperatures of 95 degrees or higher, the study projects, up from four days a year historically. New Yorkers will experience up to 27 such days by 2040 and up to 32 such days by 2050, according to the study.

"This most recent study provides alarming evidence that climate change will affect the lives of New Yorkers sooner and more severely than had previously thought," said Tim Cawley, the chairman and chief executive of Con Edison. "That's why Con Edison is thinking more boldly about ways to strengthen the reliability of our electric delivery system. We are ushering in new sources of renewable energy and making sure that every New Yorker can share in the benefits of a more sustainable grid."

"This study shows Con Edison's commitment to staying abreast of the latest climate science and to relying on leading experts," said Michael Gerrard, professor at Columbia University Law School and director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. "The company is taking a leading role among energy companies in making investments to ensure continued reliable service in the face of escalating climate change."

Con Edison's latest study uses climate change projections developed by Columbia University and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. The study, which Con Edison produced with support from ICF International, updates the projections in the company's first-of-its-kind 2019 study.

Con Edison filed the study with the New York State Public Service Commission today. The company later this year will file a report

on the measures it will have to take to protect its equipment and customers in New York City and Westchester County from the rising temperatures and other climate change impacts.

While the 2019 study predicted a dramatic increase in the number of hot days, the new study accelerates the predicted timetable by a decade.

The first study forecast that by 2030 there would be 11 days a year when the temperature in Central Park exceeds 95 degrees, increasing to 18 days by 2040 and 23 days a decade later.

Climate change, which the new study calls "an existential and multi-faceted threat around the world," will affect Con Edison customers and equipment in other ways, the company said.

- The risk of flooding, which can damage underground electric delivery equipment, will increase, as sea levels rise 16 inches by 2050 and New York experiences five days a year with precipitation exceeding 2 inches. The historical norm is three days per year.
- The annual maximum wind speed in New York City could reach 60 miles per hour in 10 to 15 years, compared to about 50 miles per hour on a historical basis. Strong winds can knock trees and branches onto overhead delivery equipment, causing customers to lose power.
- The risk of ice forming on overhead power lines and trees will increase. That impact can cause outages.
- Hurricanes could be more intense and more likely to track toward the Northeast.

In addition, Nor'easters and cold snaps could be less frequent, but more intense when they do occur. Torrential downpours could be more frequent and intense.

Climate change is likely to drive stronger and more frequent storms in the New York City region, bringing heavier rainfall and coastal storm surge. Hurricane Ida in 2021 brought more than seven inches of rainfall in Central Park and resulted in flooding across the city.

Hurricane Sandy, the worst storm in New York City's recorded history, caused floodwaters to overrun underground electric delivery equipment, knocking out power on the East Side of Manhattan from 40th Street south and on the West Side from 30th Street south.

But the most striking change in the latest Con Edison study is in the predictions about heat.

The urban heat island effect adds to the challenge of extreme heat in New York City. The rooftops and pavement that characterize city landscapes retain heat, meaning higher temperatures, particularly at night.

The higher night-time temperatures result in air conditioners working harder to cool homes and businesses. That means the underground delivery equipment does not cool off as much overnight during heat waves.

Higher temperatures can decrease the capacity of cable, substation transformers and other equipment, meaning Con Edison has to invest to replace that lost capacity. The heat can also cause the demand for power to exceed the system's capacity.

Con Edison recognizes that disadvantaged communities have fewer alternatives during outages, meaning they suffer greater effects from flooding and heat. Con Edison will consider how climate change affects these areas and incorporate that consideration into its reliability and resiliency investment plans.

The company has been fortifying its vast electric delivery system for years, but climate change is prompting the company to accelerate the planning and execution of upgrades.

The company invested \$1 billion in its energy systems over four years following Sandy. After two March 2018 storms caused severe damage, the company invested another \$100 million in Westchester County. The company's analysis shows the investments since Sandy have prevented more than a million customer outages.

While investing to fortify its infrastructure, the company is leading the region's transition to a clean energy future. Con Edison works with customers to help them complete rooftop solar projects, adopt heat pumps and reduce their usage through efficiency.

The company makes clear in its Clean Energy Commitment that it supports the environmental goals of New York City and State and is building a grid to carry 100 percent clean energy by 2040.

Just in 2023, Con Edison has announced the completion of an important transmission project in Queens, enabling the retirement of an inefficient fossil fuel plant, and the start of construction of a Clean Energy Hub in Brooklyn. Both these projects will carry offshore wind power that the state is adding to its portfolio.

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services, including the purchasing of technology, to reduce poverty and create opportunities for economic advancement such as adult literacy, health access and legal services. In addition, the funding will help buy tools to combat poverty for low-income immigrant communities throughout New York City.

"As New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, a key part of my job is ensuring that federal agencies are properly funded so that they are able to assist non-profits which aim to serve their communities," said Meng. "The nearly \$2 million that was awarded to La Jornada and Make the Road will go a long way to help ensure that the key goals of both of these organizations are reached."

"We're deeply appreciative of our House allies for supporting our work to provide programs and services for thousands of immigrants and working-class New Yorkers so that they can live with respect and dignity," said Theo Oshiro, Co-Executive Director of Make the Road New York. "We strive every day to ensure that ev-

eryone, regardless of race, immigration status, or gender identity, finds the support and solidarity they need, when they open the door to our organization."

"For the past 13 years, the mission at La Jornada has always been to serve with compassion New York City's most vulnerable families, which sometimes includes the immigrant communities that arrive to our great city. We have always been proud to provide basic needs to these vulnerable groups, while also working to empower them to help them reach their full potential," said Pedro Rodriguez, Executive Director of La Jornada. "We thank Rep. Meng and her congressional colleagues for working to secure funding for organizations like ours that aim to uplift and enrich the New York community and similar communities around the country. We look forward to continuing to work with Representative Meng to help secure future funding that will help advance our mission."

The funds were awarded by the Administration for Children and Families, which is a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Senator Gillibrand Announces \$20 Million in Federal Funding to Conserve And Build New Green Spaces in NYC

Federal Dollars Secured in the Inflation Reduction Act Will Help Create Green Jobs, Plant New Trees, and Maximize Green Spaces In Historically Disadvantaged Communities, Including Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, Corona, and Neighborhoods Throughout the Bronx

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a press conference at the Central Park Arsenal announcing \$20 million in federal funding to plant and maintain trees, combat extreme heat and climate change, and expand access to green spaces in NYC. Senator Gillibrand helped secure this funding in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which included \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years for the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program. The funding will be distributed to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and The Bronx is Blooming. Access to urban green spaces will help increase quality of life in New York by promoting clean air, cool neighborhoods, and health benefits. Senator Gillibrand was joined by NYC Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi, NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue, Executive Director of New York Restoration Project Lynn Kelly, and Executive Director of The Bronx is Blooming Jennifer Beaugrand.

"Expanding access to trees and green spaces in New York and historically disadvantaged communities throughout Queens and the Bronx will give our communities a higher quality of life. I'm so proud to deliver this \$20 million investment in Inflation

Reduction Act funding, which will help combat extreme heat, create equitable access to green spaces, improve air quality, and better the overall quality of life in this great city," said Senator Gillibrand. "This money will help bring new life for New Yorkers to enjoy a greener, healthier environment."

"Thank you to the Biden Administration and our congressional delegation for providing critical funding for our city's trees, some of the hardest working trees in the nation," says Deputy Mayor for Operations Meera Joshi. "NYC trees are much more than pretty foliage for our public spaces – they lower temperatures and absorb storm water in the midst of increasingly oppressive heat and torrential rains, they clean our air and they provide home to our wildlife, and the essential work of planting and maintenance provides good green jobs for New Yorkers."

"The parks of New York are a jewel of our city," said Assemblymember Tony Simone. "New Yorkers rely on green spaces for a breath of fresh air and to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. The funds that Senator Gillibrand is announcing today are an incredible investment in the park system and especially in the underserved communities who will be able to build careers in forestry as a result. Investments like this will ensure New Yorkers have access to green space in our city for years to come."

"Our urban forest is vital to New Yorkers, and we sincerely

## Attorney General James, FTC, And Multistate Coalition Sue Amazon For Illegally Maintaining Monopoly Power

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Amazon.

Amazon's illegal, exclusionary conduct makes it impossible for competitors to gain a foothold. With its amassed power across both the online superstore market and online marketplace services market, Amazon extracts enormous monopoly rents from everyone within its reach. This includes:

- Degrading the customer ex-

perience by replacing relevant, organic search results with paid advertisements — and deliberately increasing junk ads that worsen search quality and frustrate both shoppers seeking products and sellers who are promised a return on their advertising purchase.

- Favoring Amazon's search results to preference Amazon's own products over ones that Amazon knows are of better quality.
- Charging costly fees on the hundreds of thousands of sell-

ers that currently have no choice but to rely on Amazon to stay in business. These fees range from a monthly fee sellers must pay for each item sold, to advertising fees that have become virtually necessary for sellers to do business. Combined, all of these fees force many sellers to pay close to 50 percent of their total revenues to Amazon. These fees harm not only sellers but also shoppers,

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*Queens Times Weekly ...*  
**HOROSCOPE**   
 For the Week of ... 9/28/23 - 10/4/23

*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?**

- There are over 80,000 different species of ants
- All the planets in our solar system could fit inside Jupiter
- An area of the Sun's surface to the equivalent of a postage stamp would shine with the brightness of over 1,500,000 candles
- More than 1,000,000 Earths could fit inside the Sun
- The world's first paved streets were laid in Rome in 170 B.C.
- It takes 1,100 watts to power a toaster
- Natural gas has no smell (the odor is artificially added so that people are able to identify leaks)
- There are exactly 1,048,576 bytes in 1 megabyte
- Rainbows can only be seen in the morning or late afternoon (the sun needs to be less than 40 above the horizon)
- Acorns are poisonous to humans (if eaten it can cause damage to your kidneys)
- All hurricanes form over the sea and can last up to 10 days
- There are over 225,000 trees in New York's Central Park
- Chalk is made from tiny plankton fossils
- 80% of the world's rose species come from Asia
- 8.5 million tons of water evaporates from the Dead Sea every day
- Every living thing on the Earth contains carbon
- The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest
- It takes 5 years for an oyster to produce a medium sized pearl
- The average mature oak tree sheds over 700,000 leaves in Autumn
- Onions are part of the lily family

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**  
**NO ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS SUDOKUA**  
**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**TRY AND FIND**

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  - Absolute quiet
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  - Scion
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  - Distinctive flair
  - Nothing more than
  - Rips
- DOWN**
- Platter
  - "Do \_\_\_ others"
  - Biblical garden
  - Legal claim
  - The business of selling goods
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  - A form of pool
  - Stooge
  - Based upon
  - Roof overhangs
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  - Adjust again
  - French manor house
  - Critical
  - Swerve
  - Apart from this
  - Exam
  - Load with excessive weight
  - Candidate
  - Bless with oil
  - Melody
  - Whale
  - Marsh plant
  - Mislead
  - Earnest
  - Encourage
  - Confuse
  - Regal
  - Tropical fruit
  - Muzzle
  - Small amount
  - Woman of rank
  - Largest continent
  - Close
  - Sounds of disapproval

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### Council Member Won Designates \$12,550,000 For District 26 Parks, Including \$7.15 Million For Lou Lodati

On Friday, September 22, Council Member Julie Won celebrated \$12,550,000 in capital funding for District 26 parks at a funding announcement at Lou Lodati/Torsney Playground. In Fiscal Year '24, Council Member Won secured a commitment of \$7.15 million for improvements to the park, including \$6 million to reconstruct Lou Lodati's playground area and \$1.15 million to expand and reconstruct the park's dog run. In Fiscal Year '23, the Council Member secured a total of \$6.96 million for improvements to Lou Lodati, including \$5.5 million to reconstruct the multipurpose playground area, \$850,000 for the handball courts, and \$610,000 for drainage and electrical utilities.



This fiscal year, the Council Member also allocated \$3,400,000 in capital funding for Windmiller Park's Swimming Pool and \$2,000,000 to repair a sinkhole at Queensbridge Park Playground. In Fiscal Year '23, the Council Member secured \$13,247,000 in capital funding for improvements to Big Bush Athletic Field, Windmiller Playground, and Murray Park Athletic Field and Dog Run.

At the announcement, Council Member Won was joined by the Sunnyside United Dog Society (SUDS) to celebrate the \$7.15 million in funding for Lou Lodati. SUDS was formed in 2001 and is made up of Sunnyside residents who frequent the park. The group advocated for the park and the dog run, which opened in 2013.

"This fiscal year, I allocated \$12,550,000 in capital funding for

our local parks to ensure that our neighbors have access to green space and up-to-date facilities at our parks," said Council Member Julie Won. "Thanks to our community's advocacy, our office secured capital funding for much-needed improvements at three parks in our district, including \$7.15 million for the playground and dog run at Lou Lodati. Thank you to the Parks Department and our neighbors for ensuring that we are keeping our green spaces modern, safe, and beautiful for our community."

"The Sunnyside United Dog Society has been taking care of, and advocating for, Lodati Park for over 20 years. When we were pushing for the dog run in the mid-2000s we made sure to advocate for funding to improve the entire park," said Rick Duro,

SUDS. "The SUDS community works really hard on a daily basis in taking care of the dog run and garden around it, and the run was voted one of the best in the city. People come from all over the city to our dog run because it is safe, clean, and people are actively participating in their dogs' experiences there. As hard as we work, there are some things we cannot take care of, for example, the surface cracking. Huge thank you to Councilwoman Won and her staff for meeting with us to figure out how we could get the run resurfaced. We hope that the contractor that eventually wins the bid for the project does a better job than the last one, as it started to crack within weeks of it opening in 2013. The SUDS community is very excited about this next chapter in the history of Lodati Park."

### Public Safety Town Hall in Woodhaven

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar hosted an important town hall in Woodhaven last week on the topic of public safety, with a keynote speech from NYPD Commissioner Edward Caban.

The event provided an opportunity for local residents to connect directly with law enforcement officials about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, and community policing. Together, we will continue to create real solutions to public safety concerns that will strengthen our communities.



### October on the Farm at Queens County Farm Museum

Fall is Just Steps Away with an Action-Packed Month of Farm Fun

From the sprawling 3-acre Amazing Maize Maze to the iconic Pumpkin Patch, and apple cider donuts to a 47-acre Halloween party, NYC's only farm is fall fun for the whole family

Families and visitors can experience everything the Fall season has to offer, all in one vibrant location right in New York City at the historic Queens County Farm Museum.

With so many fall happenings, the experience is truly unbe-LEAF-able! Admission to the historic site is free and accessible.

GOURDness gracious, Pumpkin Patch is here!



Starting Saturday, September 30th and open daily through October 31st, Queens County Farm Museum's iconic Pumpkin Patch is free admission October 1-28 and 30-31.

Pumpkins will be available for sale and priced according to size. (The Pumpkin Patch will also be avail-

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### Scholar And Peace Activist Mohammed S. Dajani Daoudi Recognized at Queens College



Jerusalem-born Palestinian scholar and peace activist Mohammed S. Dajani Daoudi presented the lecture "A Personal Journey from Extremism to Moderation" to the Queens College community on Wednesday, September 20. Daoudi discussed the range of teachings he experienced on multiple levels that helped to shift his belief system from the periphery to the center, inspiring moderation and reconciliation.

Daoudi holds a doctorate in government from the University of South Carolina and one in political economy from the University of Texas at Austin. At the event, President Frank H. Wu, at left in the attached photo, presented Daoudi with the Queens College Excellence in Leadership award for his outstanding contributions to education and service to humanity. Photo by Andy Poon, Queens College.

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## Bishop Robert Brennan Meets With Queens College Students

The Catholic Newman Center at Queens College hosted His Excellency Bishop Robert Brennan of the Diocese of Brooklyn (pictured in the attached) on Monday, September 18, at the invitation of Father José Diaz, the center's new chaplain. Brennan met with student representatives from the Newman Center and celebrated mass alongside Diaz and full-time campus minister Omar Cortez. Installed as the eighth bishop of the diocese in 2021, Brennan serves the populations of Brooklyn and Queens. A Bronx native, he attended St. John's University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York. The Newman



Center was part of the Student Union when the facility opened 50 years ago. Several other faith-based organizations are also part of the union, as envisioned by the student leaders who established it. Photo by Andy Poon, Queens College.

## Council Members Won & Brewer Hold Joint Oversight Hearing on City Contracting For Asylum Seekers

Council Member Julie Won, Chair of the Committee on Contracts, and Council Member Gale Brewer, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Investigations, held a joint oversight hearing at City Hall called "Revisiting City Contracts Serving Asylum Seekers in New York City." At the hearing, the Chairs, Council Members, and the general public questioned representatives from several city agencies — the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), New York City Emergency Management Department (NYCEM), New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H), and the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS)—to bring transparency to the City's emergency contracting process used for migrants and asylum seekers.

With Mayor Adams forecasting an anticipated \$12 billion cost burden to the city due to the asylum seeker crisis, the Council is focused on understanding how the administration is spending those funds. While the administrative responsibilities for managing this crisis fall on several city agencies, the direct services for asylum seekers are provided by a complex network



of for-profit and nonprofit private vendors and their sub-vendors. These vendors are mainly being contracted through emergency procurement, which absolves the administration from having to abide by traditional procurement rules, and thus necessitates greater scrutiny to ensure that public dollars are not wasted.

The Council's Oversight and Investigations Division (OID) reviewed and analyzed contracts and publicly available spending data related to the asylum-seeker crisis to better understand and map out

the network of non-profit service providers, agencies, and for-profit companies receiving public dollars and how those dollars are being spent. Findings include:

- Of the 196 contracts that OID examined that were related to asylum seeker spending, only 3 were procured through competitive bidding.
- The 125 of the City's emergency-procured contracts represent nearly \$2 billion of contract value.
- Many of the vendors contracted

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## NYC Girl Scouts Celebrate State Parks at Gantry Plaza State Park in Queens

*The Girl Scouts Love State Parks initiative brought hundreds of Girl Scouts to state parks across the five boroughs in September for outdoor learning and volunteering*

Sunday's rainy event at Gantry Plaza State Park wrapped up the month-long festivities with activities including birding, weeding invasive plants, and more

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Girl Scouts of Greater New York and New York State Parks hosted an outdoor learning event at Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City, Queens as part of the annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks initiative. Despite the inclement weather, Girl Scouts came out to Sunday's event and participated in the day's ac-



tivities, sporting rain gear and splashing in puddles all day long. "Girl Scouts Love State Parks is such an incredible event that

gets girls out and about learning about state parks in their bor-

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

## It's In Queens! (Sept. 29 to Oct. 5)

The days are getting shorter, but the list of fun things to do in Queens is getting longer. This jam-packed week includes Korean Thanksgiving, Indian dancing, various forms of pickled cabbage, Colombian Jazz, South African bead art, and pizza giveaways.

- Sept. 29, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, 7 pm. This Junot Díaz novel is brought to life on stage. Encapsulating magical realism and Dominican-American history, the book presents a vision of the American experience and explores the human capacity to risk it all for love. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

- Sept. 29, *Four Fantastic Tales* by Roald Dahl, Nov. 17. This series screens four films of Dahl tales that team with fiendish parents, unscrupulous schoolmasters, diabolical witches, and kind, precocious kids who triumph over them. *Fantastic Mr. Fox* is on Oct 1 at 1 pm and Oct. 6 at 2:30 pm. *The Witches* shows on Oct. 20 at 3 pm, Oct. 21 at 12:30 pm, and Oct. 27 at 3 pm. *Watch James and the Giant Peach* on Nov. 4 at 3 pm, Nov. 5 at 3 pm, and Nov. 11 at 12:30 pm. *Matilda* runs on Nov. 11 at 2:30 pm, Nov. 12 at 12:30 pm, and Nov. 17 at 3 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Sept. 29, *Bembé Secreto*, Sept. 30. The group *Standing on the Corner* performs twice as part of the "Seven Prepared Pianos for the Seven African Powers" exhibition. The shows bridge the avant-garde musical ensemble's interest in the urban modifications of ancient devotional practices of the Caribbean and Africa and propose the destruction of Western musical traditions. 7 pm on both nights. MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Sept. 29, *Chuseok*, 5:30 pm. This Korean Thanksgiving features Ko-Art & Dance, a local group that specializes in traditional Korean music and dance. Sunnyside Arch, vicinity of 46th Street and Queens Boulevard.

- Sept. 30, *Garba Around the Globe 2023*, 5 pm. Queens-based Vivarta Arts presents four hours of dance and lessons around the Unisphere as part of a Hindu celebration of Navratri, which praises Goddess Durga and the divine feminine powers. DJ Magic Mike and Indian street food. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Sept. 30, *NYSCI Nights*, Oct. 28. Free access to the Great Hall Terrace with seating to eat food from the Queens Night Market, games like inflatable SkiBall, and access to the Chill Zone. Weekly event on Saturdays, 6 pm to 10 pm. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona.

- Sept. 30, *Oktoberfest Flushing Style*, 5:30 pm. An evening of hospitality and entertainment with home-cooked fare. An outdoor



QT Alejandro Brittes

grill serves German-American cuisine alongside Korean-American dishes, uniting two culinary traditions that feature pickled cabbage. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Sept. 30, *5 Boroughs Music Festival 2023*, 7:30 pm. Cecilia Duarte, Trio Chapultepec, and percussionist Jesús Pacheco play mid-20th century art songs from across Latin America. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Sept. 30, *Sunnyside Field Guide*, 1 pm. An outdoor concert celebrating the birds of Western Queens. (Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 14.) *Smiling Hoghead Ranch*, 25-30 Skillman Ave., Long Island City.

- Sept. 30, *Community Day*, noon. This three-hour, third-annual street fair includes pizza, games, prizes, giveaways, bargains, a free trolley, chocolate, and a performance by The Scooches. Vicinity of 71st Street on Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills.

- Sept. 30, *Canelo v. Charlo*, 8 pm. Watch the boxing battle of undisputed champions Saul "Canelo" Alvarez (four super middleweight championships) and junior middleweight champion Jermell Charlo. Resorts World Casino NYC, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Sept. 30, *ShowheganPERFORMS*, 1:30 pm. This five-hour reception features site-specific performance art by Skowhegan alumni. It coincides with the opening of *The Socrates Annual 2023*, which awarded six artists with funding, access to an outdoor studio, and production support. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- Sept. 30, *Artemaking Workshops*, 2 pm. Denise Silva-Dennis leads a Scallop Shell Necklace Workshop. Jevijoe Vitug leads a 3D painting-on-bowl workshop that centers on indigenous wisdom on supernatural vessels. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- Sept. 30, *Tree Ring Readings &*

*Workshop*, 11 am. Tree rings describe environmental conditions. Using this idea and weather data from the Sky Tickler SP Weather Station, participants create a forest of tree ring drawings and impressions with Heidi Neilson. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- Oct. 4, *In the Name of the Son*, 7 pm. Screening and conversation with creators of a new documentary on Mags Riordan, an Irish woman who lost three children in separate tragic circumstances. She then set up a clinic in Malawi that is now saving thousands of lives every year. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Oct. 4, *Ubuhele Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence*, Jan. 11 (2024). An exhibition of bead art developed by women living and working in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College Campus, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing.

- Oct. 5, *Chia's Dance Party*, 5 pm. In Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Chia's Dance Party plays Colombian Jazz. Free Spanish-language house tours, too. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.

- Oct. 5, *Alejandro Brittes Quartet*, 7 pm. Accordionist, composer, researcher, and interpreter of music from the Argentine Littoral region, Alejandro Brittes, jams with Brazilian musicians Charlise Bandeira (flute), André Ely (seven-stringed guitar), and Carlos de César (contrabass). Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 5, *NOTHINGBEING*, Oct. 7. Dancers David Thomson, Anna Martine Whitehead, and Takahiro Yamamoto use highly physical movement, communal meditation, and the internal activation of sensory memories to construct a sustained and complex meditation on subjectivity and erasure. The Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.

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## NYC Girl Scouts Celebrate State Parks at Gantry Plaza State Park in Queens

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oughs,” said Meridith Maskara, CEO of Girl Scouts of Greater New York. “Not everyone knows we have state parks here in the city, and that they are an important part of our ecosystem and climate resilience. We are proud to partner with New York State Parks to create this opportunity for the next generation to practice environmental leadership.”

Throughout September, hun-

dreds of members of Girl Scouts of Greater New York visited state parks in their respective boroughs of New York City, where they learned how to interact with and care for their environment through hands-on activities. Sunday’s event in Queens wrapped up the 2023 event series.

Part of a nationwide initiative, Girl Scouts Love State Parks brings together Girl Scouts to embark on outdoor adventures in and around their communities.

Sunday’s event was one of many organized by Girl Scouts of Greater New York (GSGNY) to provide young people an opportunity for outdoor learning and environmental leadership. GSGNY’s outdoor programming gives members the tools and resources they need to become leaders in their own communities.

To learn more about Girl Scouting in New York City, visit [www.girlscoutsnyc.org](http://www.girlscoutsnyc.org).

## Council Members Won & Brewer Hold Joint Oversight Hearing on City Contracting For Asylum Seekers

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through emergency procurement are not M/WBEs.

- Nearly 40% of vendors providing asylum-seeker services had also provided services during the COVID emergency.

- The Hotel Association of New York’s (HANYC Inc.) \$237 million dollar contract — already one of the City’s largest for the asylum seeker crisis — has an amended contract amount of \$1.365 billion, making it the City’s largest asylum seeker contract and over three times the total amount of DocGo’s \$432 million dollar contract.

“Only 1.5% of City Contracts for asylum-seekers were awarded through the typical competitive bidding process,” said Council Member Won. “This means that nearly all asylum-seeker contracts

were emergency procurements, which allows vendors to be hired without adequate due diligence, in a no-bid process that all but guarantees that City taxpayers will be overcharged. Without necessary guardrails around these contracts over the last 18 months, we have observed major lapses in accountability from many vendors—from inflating costs, to overpromising capacity, and even misrepresenting services being provided. The City should immediately limit these emergency procurement practices and return to standard competitive bidding for our most predictable costs, such as shelter providers, food, and case workers. As we brace ourselves for a series of painful budget cuts, the City must award contracts based on a procurement process that will lower costs, provide transparency,

and hold negligent or fraudulent vendors accountable.”

“The city has awarded no-bid contracts to an array of for-profit vendors with virtually no oversight to provide asylum seekers with housing, food, and other services,” said Council Member Gale A. Brewer. “At a time when the Administration has called for stark budget cuts across city agencies to pay for asylum seeker expenses, I don’t understand why we’re spending so much money on private companies that are obligated to their shareholders and not to the people of New York City. The Administration is already renewing emergency contracts into 2026 which lets them skip competitive bidding for a second time. At what point is this crisis no longer an emergency from a procurement perspective?”

## NYC Parks Unveils New \$4.2 Million Waterfront Recreation Space at Sunset Cove in Broad Channel

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NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue has joined Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, City Councilwoman Joann Ariola, Co-chair of the Parks Committee for CB14 John McCambridge, Broad Channel Civic Association & Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers Representative Dan Mundy Jr., and members of the community to celebrate the completion of work at Sunset Cove, which includes a new outdoor classroom and boardwalk built with reclaimed wood from Sandy-destroyed Rockaway Boardwalk.

“I am beyond thrilled to complete the second phase of the Sunset Cove project, completely revitalizing a space that was for years inaccessible to the community,” said NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue. “With restored natural areas, a new boardwalk, and an outdoor classroom for the children of this community to explore the natural world, this project truly strikes to the core of our work at Parks, which is to further enrich the lives of New Yorkers through environmental stewardship.”

“This use of reclaimed Rockaway Boardwalk wood in the construction of this wonderful recreation space at Sunset Cove is symbolic of Broad Channel’s

remarkable recovery from Hurricane Sandy and of the fact this neighborhood and all of Queens are being built back better than they ever were before,” said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. “Thanks to this project, residents and visitors will be able to easily enjoy the beautiful Sunset Cove wetland area and all of its spectacular sunsets. I’m very proud the Queens Borough President’s Office joined our partners in government in funding this critically important project.”

“Sunset Cove is magnificent! This revitalization is what happens when community partners come together. Thank you to NYC Parks’s Elizabeth Jordan and Broad Channel’s own Dan Mundy Jr. The new Sunset Cove brings this neighborhood to a whole new level and I can’t wait to see benefits the boardwalk and outdoor classroom bring to our community,” said Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato.

“It’s great to see this space be revitalized and turned into a true asset for the community,” said Councilwoman Joann Ariola. “This is an amazing project that will bring enormous benefits to Broad Channel for years to come.”

The second of two phases of work, the recently completed project has constructed an 8-foot-wide boardwalk adjacent to the newly restored wetlands at Sunset Cove

Park. The boardwalk was partially constructed using reclaimed wood from the Rockaway Boardwalk destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and leads to a covered outdoor classroom that has interpretive elements, including inset seasonal sun position information and binoculars. A new bioswale has also been built at the park entrance to collect storm water.

Phase one of the project, previously completed in June 2019, restored 4.5 acres of salt marsh and 7 acres of maritime upland in the park to improve habitat, enhance public waterfront access, and reduce wave and wind impacts during storms.

The \$4.2 million phase two project was funded through a New York Rising grant, with additional support from the Office of the Queens Borough President, State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr., and then-Assemblymember Phil Goldfeder, with continued support from Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato.

The recently released Mayor’s Management Report shows that the administration’s focus on public safety, public space, and people continues to pay off. In FY23, NYC Parks completed 141 capital projects, exceeding the target of 125, with 88 percent of project construction completed on time or early and 91 percent within budget, also surpassing targets.

## Attorney General James, FTC, And Multistate Coalition Sue Amazon For Illegally Maintaining Monopoly . . .

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who pay increased prices for thousands of products sold on or off Amazon.

Attorney General James, FTC, and the multistate coalition are seeking a permanent injunction in federal court that would prohibit Amazon from engaging in its unlawful conduct and pry loose Amazon’s monopolistic control to restore competition.

Joining Attorney General James and the FTC’s complaint are the attorneys general of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,

New Jersey, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

For New York, this matter was handled by Assistant Attorneys General Michael Jo, Tal Elmatad, and James Yoon, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Amy McFarlane and Bureau Chief Elinor Hoffmann — all of the Antitrust Bureau. The Antitrust Bureau is a part of the Division for Economic Justice, which is overseen by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D’Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

## October on the Farm at Queens County Farm Museum

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able to ticket holders on Sunday, October 29th at Halloween on the Farm.) Tractor-drawn hayrides are offered daily, weather-permitting, and offer guests a great way to enjoy the season’s brisk weather as they witness the farm’s historic scenery transition to vibrant golds and reds. Shop hyper-local fresh fall produce at the Farmstand like peppers, fennel, squash, kale and sweet potatoes. Visit the animals that call Queens County Farm Museum home — goats, sheep, alpacas, pigs, hens, and steer. Plus, the largest apiary in NYC, housing millions of honeybees.

The Amazing Maize Maze 2023

Are you ready for the challenge? The fun begins in a sprawling 3-acre field of towering corn stalks at the Amazing Maize Maze sponsored by Con Edison, which is now officially open Fridays — Sundays through October 28th as well as Monday, October 9th. The adventure is available from 2 pm to 5:30 pm on Fridays for the after-school, remote work and leaf peeping crowd; and 11 am to 4:30 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Indigenous Peoples’ Day. This year’s Amazing Maize Maze was landscaped in the shape of a 1954 Ford tractor donated to the farm last year by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, celebrating the rich agricultural history of the site as well as the recent celebration of the landmark 40th Annual Queens County Fair. Tickets are \$12- \$16 and free for ages 3 & under.

Keep your eyes on the pies!

Saturdays and Sundays through October 28th, the beloved Donut Shop pops up with local apples, apple cider, cider donuts, and freshly baked pies. Snag a treat to enjoy during your visit, or bring home to share... if you must. Pro Tip: Donuts sell out fast! (The Donut Shop will also be available to ticket holders on Sunday, October 29th at Halloween on the Farm.)

Maze by Moonlight

In honor of the spooky season, courageous guests can bring their flashlights and conquer the maze under the starry sky at Maze by Moonlight. This limited event takes place on four special nights: Saturday, October 7, 14, and 21; and Friday, October 27; 6:00 pm

- 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$14 - \$18 and free for ages 3 & under.

Halloween on the Farm On Sunday, October 29th, families can fire up their finest costumes and join the farm for a scary good party at the fang-tastic Halloween on the Farm. A family holiday favorite complete with trick-or-treating, spooky farmhouse, live DJ dance floor and more, this event sells out quickly. Tickets are \$20 per person and free for ages 3 & under.

November is Native American Heritage Month

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Queens County Farm Museum is presenting its 4th annual Harvest Dance Celebration on Sunday, November 12th from 11 am - 4 pm. Presented jointly with the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers, the event showcases a variety of Native American dances performed outdoors by representatives of ten Indian Nations. The dancers perform in full regalia and each dance’s origins are explained. This event also features a Native American Craft & Food Market with authentic art, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and more. Free admission is available to the farm and market, and tickets are required to access the performance area; \$12- \$17.

“Apples, Donuts, Pies, Oh my! ‘Tis the season at Queens County Farm Museum,” said Jennifer Walden Weprin, Executive Director of Queens County Farm Museum. “It’s not Fall in New York City without finding your way to Victory Bridge in the Amazing Maize Maze, now in its 17th season. It’s really hard this year so the challenge is on!”

Queens County Farm Museum is located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, New York. For more details on all events and the Queens County Farm Museum, visit [queensfarm.org](http://queensfarm.org).

About Queens County Farm Museum - Queens County Farm Museum showcases the 300-year history of agriculture as a way of life in New York City. It is a New York City Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. Queens Farm offers free admission 354 days per year and hosts a wide variety of acclaimed education programs and public events.



## Statement From Speaker Adams on Mayor Adams' Announcement of His Administration's Proposed Zoning Text Amendment For Housing

"The housing crisis that has exacerbated homelessness and made our city less affordable demands comprehensive solutions. We welcome Mayor Adams and City Planning's encouraging and thoughtful proposals as a starting point towards critical changes that will help us equitably produce more housing across the city to confront these challenges. Housing and zoning policies have historically furthered economic and racial segregation, deepened inequities,

and locked communities out of opportunities. That's why it is imperative that our city's policies and zoning align to achieve housing growth through the lens of equity and access, accompanied by investments in economic opportunity, schools, transit, healthcare, and other institutions that help stabilize communities. "The Council is committed to advancing the necessary changes through a city-wide text amendment and complementary strategies, including my Fair Housing

Framework and increased affordability, to confront our housing crisis. We look forward to conducting a thorough review of the proposals in these preliminary scoping documents and continuing discussions with the Administration and all stakeholders throughout this process to successfully advance the city's housing needs. Delivering results for New Yorkers will require actions at the city level, along with essential contributions from our state and federal partners."

## Joint Statement From Transportation & Infrastructure Chair Selvena N. Brooks-Powers & Education Chair Rita Joseph on ATU's Tentative Contract Agreement

"Timely and reliable school bus transportation is essential to the success of our student's educational futures. We are glad the school bus companies and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181 were able to come to a tentative agree-

ment that avoids harmful disruptions for our students and families. We support increased wages and benefits for school bus drivers and a continuation of school bus services for over 80,000 students at this time. However, drivers with the NYC School

Bus Umbrella Services have yet to reach a deal that would guarantee services for the youth they serve. We remain in solidarity with them as they pursue a contract that acknowledges their contributions and pivotal role in our education system."

## Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on The Recommendation That No Disciplinary Action be Taken Against NYPD Officers in Killing of Kawaski Trawick

"I am deeply disappointed in Deputy Commissioner Maldonado's recommendation and the rationale behind it. For several years, the Trawick family has waited for a shred of accountability

for Kawaski's killing. After delays and impediments by the NYPD to provide key evidence, those delays now being used as the reason to recommend no discipline is unjustifiable. Commissioner

Caban can and must hold these officers accountable for misconduct - it's what Kawaski's family, New Yorkers, and officers who have not engaged in misconduct deserve from the NYPD."

## Joint Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams And Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala on The Expanded Eligibility to Use CityFHEPS Outside of New York City

"CityFHEPS is one of our most effective tools to keep people in their homes, prevent evictions, and transition people out of the shelter system into permanent housing. This announcement to allow

CityFHEPS to be used outside of New York City is a positive step that will help longtime New Yorkers find housing and economic stability. It will be important to ensure that there are clear policies on transfers

to allow New Yorkers with CityFHEPS vouchers to move back within our city. We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration to ensure the successful implementation of this program."

## Senator Gillibrand Announces \$20 Million in Federal Funding to Conserve And Build New Green Spaces in NYC

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thank our congressional delegation, our local elected officials, and our many partners for their advocacy for this grant," said NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue. "Thanks to this investment, our city will soon have more trees, expanded and more resilient forests, and new green jobs, helping us to further our commitment to expanding and preserving our natural environment."

"New York Restoration Project is thrilled that trees are getting the critical investment that they deserve," said Lynn Bodnar Kelly, Executive Director of New York Restoration Project. "As we know from our work on the groundbreaking MillionTreesNYC initiative, trees are New Yorkers' natural allies in mitigating heat, sequestering excess carbon, and absorbing excess rainwater in the face of the climate crisis. We applaud Senator Gillibrand's leadership in bringing game-changing funds to bolster New York's urban forest."

The Bronx is Blooming is honored to receive this \$5 million grant from the USDA Forest Service. This unprecedented investment will engage thousands of

local students, Bronx youth, and diverse community partners in tree planting and stewardship, equipping them with the tools to grow and support our urban canopy," said Jenn Beaugrand, Founder and Executive Director of The Bronx is Blooming. "We are incredibly excited about the opportunities this grant will create for our community to come together to give Bronx green spaces the love and care they deserve."

On average, temperatures in urban forests are 2.9 degrees lower than in un-forested urban areas. Across New York City, over 7 million people, or nearly 80% of New Yorkers, are affected by elevated temperatures. The Inflation Reduction Act included historic investments to flight climate change, including funding to create equitable access to green spaces across New York. Urban forests help cool our neighborhoods, protect New Yorkers from dangerous heat waves, and improve air quality, health and mental health outcomes, and overall quality of life. The Inflation Reduction Act included \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years for the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program.

The federal funding an-

nounced today will be distributed between the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and The Bronx is Blooming. The projects financed by the funding are described below.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation: The first project will establish a green job training and employment program, providing a pathway into forest restoration careers for underserved communities. The second project includes growing the urban forest through planting trees and preserving existing trees. It promotes community engagement through outreach, education, and empowerment. The project also offers paid training and employment opportunities for youth and adults, focusing on workforce development and green jobs.

The Bronx is Blooming: This project engages K-12 students in environmental education and tree stewardship, provides green jobs and forestry training for local youth, and brings new trees to Bronx neighborhoods. It addresses long-standing environmental and health inequities related to air quality, excessive heat, and park access, while creating economic opportunities in disadvantaged communities.

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

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

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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

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

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01 September, 2023  
LOST TITLE APPLICATION NO.: 2483776  
OFFICE OF TITLES  
NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 82 OF THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT (RTA)  
WHEREAS the applicant(s) in the above stated application has/have declared that the following duplicate Certificate of Title has been lost, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to cancel the said Certificate of Title and issue a new one in duplicate fourteen days after the last publication of this advertisement.  
Volume: 1269  
Folio: 98  
Lot: 119  
Place: Part of Number Three Charlemont Drive  
Parish: St. Andrew  
Registered proprietor(s): Gibson Pharmacy Limited  
Deputy Registrar of Titles 9/28&10/5/2023

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1370889 for Liquor, wine, beer, and cider, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, wine, beer, and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 75-03 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. for on premises consumption. 9/28&10/5/2023

BEST KITCHENS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/23. 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, 161-09 59th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

Notice of Formation of FRESH POND PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/23/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 72-33 65th Place, Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

Notice of Formation of 10818 QB LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/23/23. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Cord Meyer Development LLC, 111-15 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023





# Senior Safety Summit



The Queens District Attorneys office recently hosted the first in a series of Senior Safety Summits in recognition of Senior Appreciation Month. The summit is designed to update older adults on ways to deter deed theft, elder fraud and elder abuse.

Unfortunately, seniors are often targeted by scam artists and must remain vigilant. Do NOT give money to anyone you do not know and always take the time to verify any information provided to you.

QDA Katz thanked the Rochdale Village Senior Center for partnering with us for this informative event.

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**Senior Citizen Safety**

Seniors, age 65 and older are more than twice as likely to die in a fire. Older adults are also at a higher risk of injury from fire. The top three causes of fire deaths among our senior population in New York City are smoking, heating equipment and cooking. The following are some tips to keep the senior population safe.

**DO**

- Do make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Do put out your cigarette butts if you smoke. Put them in water or sand until completely cool.
- Do be alert when cooking. Keep easy to burn items like dish towels and pot holders away.
- Do place space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that burns.
- Do use equipment with the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark to show it has been safely tested.

**DONT**

- Don't smoke in bed or while lying down. Especially when you are drowsy or taking medication.
- Don't leave burning candles unattended. Be sure to put candles out before going to bed.
- Don't use an oven, stovetop, dryer or grill to heat your home.
- Don't use water to put out a kitchen fire. It can cause splashing and spread the fire.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing like a nightgown or robe when cooking.
- Don't use damaged or frayed cords, especially for warming equipment like an electric blanket.

A smoke alarm is the single most valuable life saving device you can have in your home.

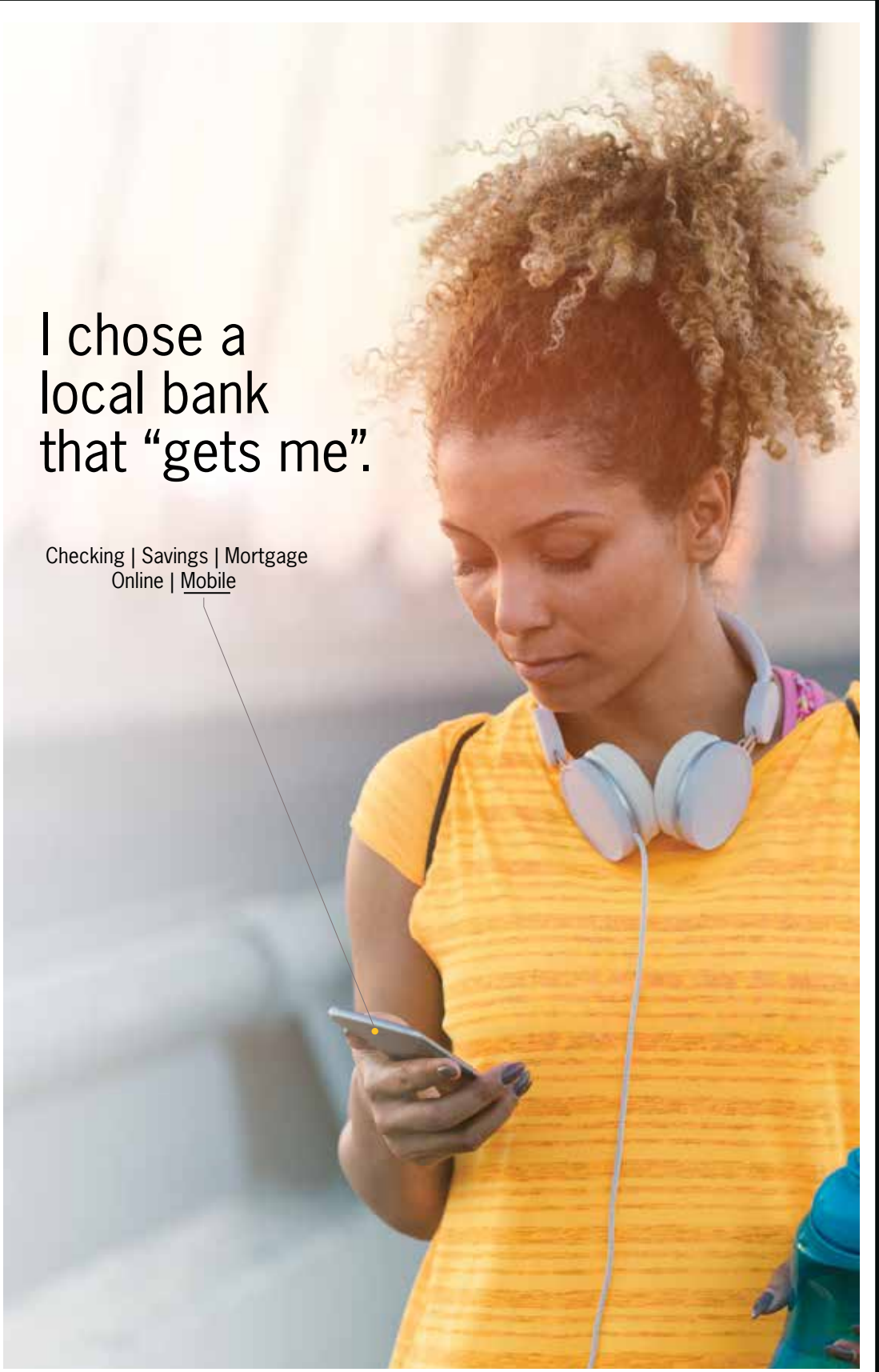
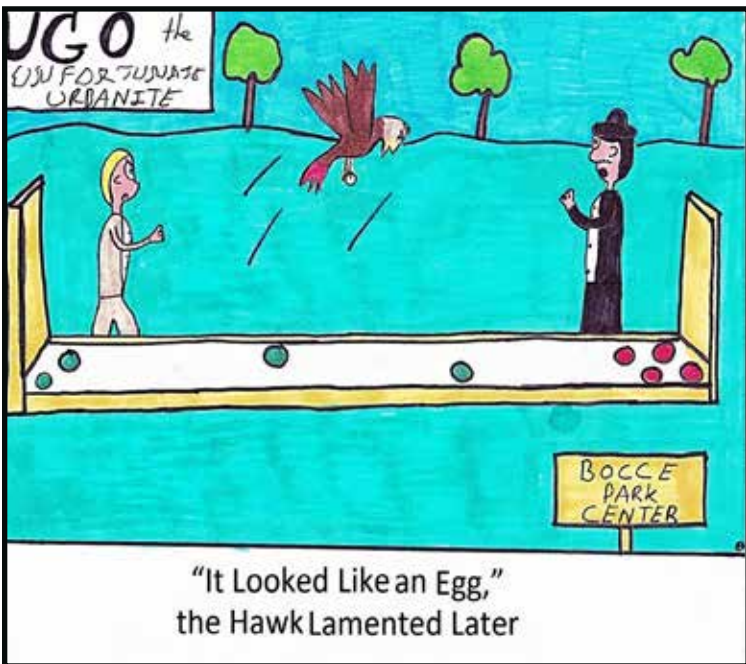
Install a smoke alarm outside and inside each bedroom or sleeping area and on every level of your home.

Many seniors do have trouble hearing. There are special smoke alarms that shake their beds and flash bright light to let them know there is a fire. Install these alarms if you or a family member is hard of hearing.

**Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared!**  
Knowing what to do during a fire can be the difference between life and death. Do you have an escape plan?

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