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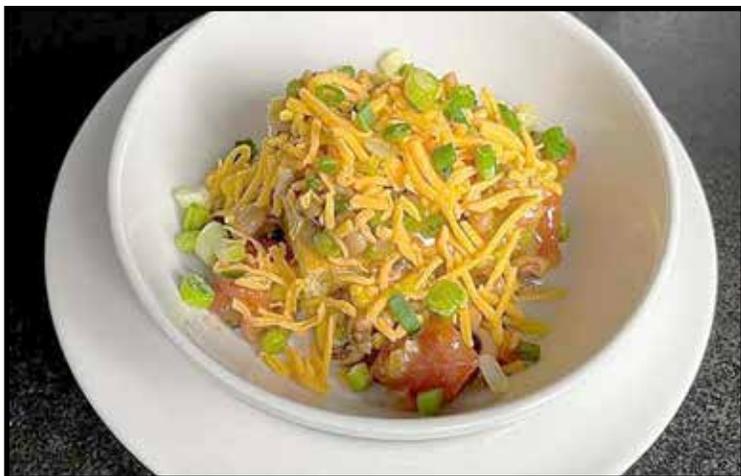
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More than 100 supporters braved blustery, wet conditions to participate in person at the Queens Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 1, in Flush-

ing Meadows-Corona Park. More than 350 more people joined from home and the event has already raised over \$80,000 for care, support and research programs at the

Alzheimer's Association. Emily Lorsch of CNBC and Queens Walk Co-Chair Melissa

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# Gov. Kathy Hochul: Columbus Day Won't be Canceled

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Gov. Kathy Hochul announced her opposition to legislation, proposed by leftwing state lawmakers, to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

"We generally do not comment on legislation that has not passed both houses, but Gov. Hochul does not support eliminating Columbus Day," said spokeswoman Hazel Crampton-Hays; and, went on to say, "She looks forward to again marching in the Columbus Day Parade and proudly proclaiming Columbus Day this year, and she will continue to be a strong supporter of the Italian American community".

Modern-day critics say Columbus should be remembered more for his murderous role in exploiting Native Americans while pursuing gold on behalf of the Spanish Empire. Like the

bill sponsors Assemblywoman Marcela Mitaynes (D-Brooklyn) and state Sen. Jessica Ramos (D-Queens), both of whom claim indigenous roots, are hoping to move the proposal forward when the state Legislature reconvenes next year.

Opposition from Hochul and her rival suggest that any effort to change the holiday at the state level would face a gubernatorial veto if ever passed by the Assembly and Senate, which are currently dominated by Democratic super majorities.

Columbus, the 15th century mariner, is celebrated by Italian-Americans for his navigational prowess and daring to test whether the Earth was in fact round during a 1492 voyage aimed at reaching spice-rich areas of Asia.

Columbus Day is currently a federal and state holiday fol-

lowing a 2021 effort to rename the annual holiday on the second Monday in October as Italian Heritage /Indigenous Peoples' Day for New York City schools.

A fact that most do not remember or chose to forget is the true reason Columbus Day came into existence. On March 14, 1891 in New Orleans, 11 Italians were lynched. After that dark moment in history the first national Columbus Day was proclaimed in 1892 by President Benjamin Harrison to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Italian-born explorer Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. Columbus Day was also proclaimed to help resolve a diplomatic crisis with Italy over the lynching of the 11 Italian immigrants the year before in New Orleans.

Also everyone should remember that "America" is a beautiful Italian name.

# Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's in Queens Raises Nearly \$80,000 to Fight Alzheimer's Disease

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Warten served as emcees for the opening ceremony. They welcomed the crowd and celebrated recent successes in the fight to end Alzheimer's. Earlier this month, researchers reported positive findings from a clinical trial of a drug called lecanemab. It slowed cognitive decline by 27% compared to placebo and the FDA is expected to decide on its approval by early January.

Melissa Warten said, "We are making progress and there is hope. One day, we will end this disease. And we're going to do it together!"

Melissa also congratulated top fundraisers including Scott Winter of Team Jim's Winter Warriors, who lost his father Jim to Alzheimer's. Scott shared, "I hate this disease. It was devastating to watch my father deteriorate. That's why I walk every year." Scott continued, "We have momentum now with the positive treatment news. And we're not going to stop."

The opening ceremony included a rousing rendition of the National Anthem from Danielle Atkinson.

David Feiner of Team Babs and his family cut the start line ribbon for walkers. And the cheerleading squad of Saint Francis Preparatory School kept the energy up as the walk started. Throughout the event, participants enjoyed pumpkin painting and custom temporary tattoos courtesy of Face Art by Melissa at the Fun Zone as well as free massages from Nigel Hunt, AAS, LMT.

Walk manager Sophie Lesser said, "The Queens Walk to End Alzheimer's includes so many family caregivers. We wanted them to have some time for fun and self-care, because that is often sacrificed when a loved one has dementia."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease - a leading cause of death in the United States - including more than 410,000 in New York. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

The success of the Queens Walk to End Alzheimer's was made possible thanks to its committee Co-chairs Diane Marinconz

and Melissa Warten; committee members Nicole Devita, Robin Gitomer, Catherine Heege. and Alexis Mark; and local sponsors Cannataro Family Capital Partners and Main Street Radiology.

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# MTA to Install ABE Cameras on 300 Additional Buses Across Nine Routes by End of 2022

**Installation Expands Bus Enforcement Technology to All Boroughs**

**ABE Cameras Activated on Q44 Select Bus Service Today**

**NYCDOT to Issue Warning Notices to Violators for First 60 Days of Implementation**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced an additional 300 buses across nine routes in Staten Island, the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn will have automated bus lane

enforcement (ABE) cameras by the end of the year to capture drivers violating busway and bus lane rules in real-time. The first ABE cameras from this latest deployment will be rolled out today on the Q44 Select Bus Service (SBS) route. ABE cameras are an essential tool to keep bus lanes clear of vehicles and buses on schedule for more consistent and reliable service.

Currently, there are 123 buses equipped with ABE cameras on seven routes across Brooklyn and Manhattan. The latest installment of cameras will expand the bus

enforcement technology to all boroughs and cover approximately 50% of bus lane miles across the city.

The MTA and New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) have agreed to expand camera enforcement to cover up to 85% of existing bus lanes by the end of 2023. To reach that goal, the MTA plans to add 600 new cameras by the end of 2023. NYCDOT's fixed cameras will work in concert with these bus cameras to reduce the number

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## Mayor Adams, NYC H+H CEO Katz Announce Successful Rollout And Expansion of Plant-Based Meals as Default Option For Patients in NYC Public Hospitals

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New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H) CEO Dr. Mitchell H. Katz recently announced that culturally diverse plant-based meals are now the primary dinner options for inpatients at H+H/Lincoln, Metropolitan, and Woodhull Hospitals. The dinner program expands on the health care system's successful plant-based lunch default program — launched in March of this year — which now boasts a 95 percent satisfaction rate.

"When it comes to preventing diet-related chronic disease, there is a growing recognition that it's not our DNA — it's our dinner," said Mayor Adams. "Since January, we have introduced Plant-Powered Fridays into schools, introduced fresh produce into the nation's only municipal emergency food system, and expanded Plant-Based Lifestyle Medicine Clinics to public hospitals across all five boroughs. Now, we are proud to announce the successful rollout and expansion of default plant-based lunch and dinner options at all H+H sites. This transformative program is already changing lives, empowering patients to take control of their own health and further cementing New York City as a leader in preventive medicine."

"In the event we or a loved one has to be in the hospital, we should know that the food served will be comforting, tasty, and health promoting," said Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Anne Williams-Isom. "Expanding plant-based offerings helps us do just that. Thank you to our food service partners and patient navigators for making this initiative both delicious and successful."

"As a primary care physician, I speak with all of my patients about the importance of a healthy diet and how it can help fend off or treat chronic conditions like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease," said NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD. "Our new meal program is rooted in evidence for health benefits and environmental sustainability, and expands on the success of our Meatless Mondays Program."

Each year, H+H serves about 3 million meals for lunch and dinner. About half of all inpatients are eligible for plant-based dishes, and 60 percent have chosen them since the plant-based default program was launched — contributing to approximately 864,000 plant-based meals per year being served. It also builds on the Meatless Mondays initiative — launched in 2019 — in collaboration with then-Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

Patients considered high-risk, those who are prescribed a special diet, or given a referral can meet with one of more than 100 registered H+H dietitians to learn more about the benefits of a plant-based diet. There are 14 new plant-based options with a selection offered each day. The meals are inspired by the flavors of Latin, Asian,

and other cuisines that represent the health system's diverse patient population. Thai noodle bowls, Spanish vegetable paella with yellow rice, and a Southern black-eyed pea casserole are just some of the new, "chef's choice" options being offered to patients at these three sites. Food Service Associates work with patients on meal choice and selection from the beginning of their stay until they are discharged, and encourage them to choose healthy meals as part of their healing and recovery plan of care.

"Food is medicine, especially in our moments of sickness. Nutritious, healthy food should be available wherever New Yorkers are, but especially in institutions that are meant to restore health," said New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan. "It starts with us, and we must lead by example, so this is an important step forward. Congratulations to Health + Hospitals for making nutritious and delicious plant-based foods the default option for patients who are there to heal and to return to health."

"These new recipes have been taste-tested and approved by many of our patients and staff, and we're excited for everyone to try them," said Dr. Michelle McMacken, executive director, Office of Nutrition and Lifestyle Medicine, NYC Health + Hospitals. "The new meals are delicious, nutritious, and rooted in communities across New York City, from sancocho to pad thai to falafel."

"As a registered dietitian I am grateful that plant-based foods are being recognized as essential for the health of New Yorkers and our patients," said Mercedes Redwood, MS, RD, assistant vice president for management services, NYC Health + Hospitals. "We have worked closely with our chefs and clinical dietitians to produce a menu that is culturally appropriate, tasty, and sure to enhance our patients dining experience."

"Across the city, we are striving to make the healthy choice the easier choice," said Kate MacKenzie, executive director, Mayor's Office of Food Policy. "As we continue to broaden the administration's goal of ensuring access to delicious and nutritious meals for all New Yorkers, the implementation and expansion of this program highlight how city facilities can lead on encouraging healthy lifestyle changes."

Non-plant-based options continue to be available and are offered in accordance with a patient's prescribed diet.

Plant-based nutrition is a style of cooking and eating that emphasizes, but is not necessarily limited to, fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds, plant oils, and herbs and spices, and reflects evidence-based principles of health and sustainability. Scientific research has shown that plant-based eating patterns are linked to significantly lower risk of cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, obesity, and certain cancers. They can also be effective for weight management, as well as

treatment of certain chronic diseases, including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia.

H+H plans to offer plant-based dinner options at all hospitals this fall, and, by year's end, plans to offer plant-based supplements and tube feeds. The system plans to introduce the plant-based menu options to post-acute care facilities by January.

"The health and well-being of all New Yorkers was strengthened today by the mayor's announcement of plant-based meals in NYC hospitals," said New York City Councilmember Lynn Schulman, chair, Committee on Health. "As someone who has dedicated my personal and professional life to healthcare advocacy, it is wonderful to see the rollout and expansion of a program to make New Yorkers healthier, especially those who find themselves as patients in our city's public hospital system."

"New Yorkers receiving care at our H + H hospitals deserve not only top-notch medical care but access to nutritious food that tastes great, too," said New York City Councilmember Justin Brannan. "Being in a hospital is hard enough, and the mealtime shouldn't make it harder. As a vegetarian myself, I'm thrilled that H + H system will be providing culturally sensitive and plant-based meals to their patients around the city. Let's hope this starts a new trend across the nation."

"The food on our plate has an impact on our health, and research shows that plant-based diets improve wellbeing," said New York City Councilmember Gale A. Brewer. "I applaud Mayor Adams for his continued efforts to get New Yorkers to think more critically about their meals, and for expanding food options in schools and hospitals."

"I thank Mayor Eric Adams and his administration for working together with NYC Health + Hospitals President & CEO Dr. Katz for the successful implementation of plant-based meal options for NYC hospitals," said New York City Councilmember Oswald Feliz. "Health and wellness are essential components for the success of our constituents and their families. Providing plant-based meal options will aid in the fight against chronic diseases that has impacted residents in my community as well as help in preventing the onset of new diseases. I believe that a great way to tackle chronic conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease is by combining healthy food options and following the treatment plan of the healthcare provider. Care that incorporates plant-based food options that is not only nutritious, but also delicious will ensure that New Yorkers live longer and healthier lives."

"All New Yorkers deserve access to healthy, nutritious foods," said New York City Councilmember Sandy Nurse. "The initiative by Mayor Adams and NYC H+H to expand plant-based meals at our public hospitals is a great way to encourage inpatients to adopt

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## Sen. Schumer, Mayor Adams Announce First-In-Nation Street Deliveristas Hubs to Serve NYC's Food Delivery Workers

*Hubs Will Provide Workers With Charging Stations, Shelter, Rest Areas, Bike Repair Servicing*

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced a first-of-its-kind hub program for New York City's 65,000 delivery workers that uses existing infrastructure, like vacant city newsstands, to provide a place to rest and recharge. Street Deliveristas Hubs will create a place for delivery workers to seek shelter from the elements, charge both their electric bicycles and cell phones, and, by revitalizing these empty public spaces, will ensure New York City's public spaces serve all. Through \$1 million in congressionally directed spending secured by Senate Majority Leader Schumer in the upcoming appropriations bill for Workers Justice Project/Los Deliveristas Unidos, this pilot program will renovate and transform underutilized structures on city properties. A portion of the federal grant will also be used to help renovate a worker center in Williamsburg for deliveristas.

"When I rode my bike alongside deliveristas last fall, I pledged to fight for better infrastructure to support their needs, including charging stations, shelter, rest areas, and more," said Senate Majority Leader Schumer. "With \$1 million in federal funding I have secured for deliveristas, we are creating these innovative Street Hubs and a renovated worker center. Alongside millions for better bike infrastructure in the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Law, we are proudly on our way to meeting that promise for better and safer biking infrastructure. I'll continue working closely with Mayor Adams and Los Deliveristas Unidos to deliver better infrastructure for the thousands of app-based delivery workers serving our city."

"Deliveristas are out there doing the hard work, day in and day out, and are essential to New Yorkers' way of life and to our city's economy, and essential workers deserve essential services," said Mayor Adams. "While most people have a breakroom to rest while at work, app-based food delivery workers do not. I'm proud to partner with Majority Leader Schumer to create the first-in-the-nation Street Deliveristas Hubs that will eventually help serve the more than 65,000 deliveristas in New York City. By investing in existing, underused spaces, like vacant newsstands, this program will ensure our public spaces serve all and 'Get Stuff Done' for some of our hardest working New Yorkers."

"The city is thinking creatively about how our parks and open spaces can best respond to the needs of the most vulnerable New Yorkers," said New York City Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sue Donoghue. "We are proud to be part of this first-of-its-kind effort to support app delivery workers by providing them with a homebase

to take a break, take a call, and recharge."

"Delivery workers keep New York City fed. They are a vital part of the city's economy, and they deserve safe, welcoming work environments, just like any other workforce," said New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Ydannis Rodriguez. "DOT is proud to partner in this pilot as we continue to rethink our curb space to better accommodate e-bike deliveries. Thank you, Mayor Adams and Senate Majority Leader Schumer, for this novel approach to address the demands of the industry."

"Food delivery workers serve our city in rain, snow, and days with extreme heat," said New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection Commissioner Vilda Vera Mayuga. "These new hubs will provide much needed shelter and services between deliveries for some of our city's hardest workers. We applaud Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Mayor Adams and Los Deliveristas Unidos for undertaking this innovative and much needed pilot."

"On behalf of the Worker's Justice Project and Los Deliveristas Unidos, I applaud U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer and New York City Mayor Eric Adams for their commitment to invest and build the nation's first Deliveristas Hubs, a new infrastructure model that will deliver worker-led training programs, essential services, workers' rights information, micro-mobility charging stations and a safe place for Deliveristas to rest," said Ligia Gualpa, executive director, Worker's Justice Project/Los Deliveristas Unidos. "We are proud to be partners in developing the concept of Street Deliveristas Hubs and to be transforming app delivery jobs into a profession that deserves a living wage, safe working conditions, and new Deliverista infrastructure."

The Street Deliveristas Hub pilot program will be the first-of-its-kind in the nation for app-based food delivery workers — an exploding workforce in the post-pandemic economy. Delivery worker hubs will be designed in high-traffic neighborhoods with input from both delivery workers and communities to design spaces that are most beneficial to delivery workers and neighborhood residents alike.

Street Deliveristas Hubs will help provide spaces for the more than 65,000 app-based delivery workers — providing workers a place to rest and shelter from the elements, as well as a place to reach numerous services for this mobile work force. Hubs will also help keep streets and sidewalks clear for pedestrians and revitalize unused existing public infrastructure, like newsstands. These hubs — alongside the millions of dollars Majority Leader Schumer secured for safer bike infrastructure in the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Law — represent New York City's commitment to safe, innovative infrastructure to support critical essential workers.

## Meng & Wasserman Schultz Urge Secretary of Agriculture to Equitably Distribute Additional Funds to Food Banks That Provide Kosher And Halal Food

*Letter follows Meng's call from 2021, urging Secretary Vilsack to provide more kosher and halal options in The Emergency Food Assistance Program*

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) called on U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack to ensure equitable distribution of the recently announced \$2 billion in additional funding for food banks and school meal programs to include kosher and halal food providers.

"Food insecurity has only continued to grow as our nation battles the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruption, and rising prices," said Congresswoman Meng. "I applaud the Department of Agriculture for providing funds that help people across the country ease their burden when it comes to accessing food. However, we cannot forget to include groups that have culturally and religiously sensitive dietary options when allocating these funds, and creating these programs. Making sure kosher and halal food banks are included in the allocation of funds is critical to millions of Americans being able to put food on the table for themselves and their families. I look forward to working with Secretary Vilsack and the Department to ensure that no American goes hungry."

"Food insecurity respects no religious or cultural categories, and the pandemic-fueled supply chain and inflation factors that exacerbate it are inflicting pain on kitchen tables and food pantries

across every community. So, it is critical that our federal feeding programs are equitable and accessible for everyone, including those with cultural or religious mandated dietary restrictions," said Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz. "I look forward to working with Secretary Vilsack as he distributes this new funding, to ensure the money is equitably distributed to food banks that provide kosher and halal food to their communities, and that the training and best practices for securing, storing and transporting these vital food stuffs reach the nutritional lifelines in our communities."

"Thank you, Reps. Meng, Wasserman Schultz, and McGovern, for keeping the focus on Kosher and Halal food. The USDA has done a lot but more still needs to be done on food equity," said Alexander Rapaport, Executive Director of the Masbia Soup Kitchen Network.

"South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS) was one of the first to offer culturally palatable food. There is a huge need for halal, kosher, and vegetarian food for many of our community members, and for overall nutrition and health. We are grateful to Congresswomen Meng and Wasserman Schultz for leading the charge on this need," said Sudha Acharya, Executive Director of South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS).

"With rising prices, supply chain issues and an ongoing pandemic, too many New Yorkers are still struggling with food insecurity. Sadly, for too long, Kosher

and Halal food have not gotten a fair share of emergency federal food funding, leaving hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers left out," said David Greenfield, Met Council CEO. "Thankfully, New Yorkers who utilize Kosher and Halal food have a strong ally in Congresswoman Grace Meng who has relentlessly fought for them in Washington DC. The Biden administration and Secretary Vilsack have been strong allies in helping get more food to people in need and we look forward to working with them to ensure New Yorkers who rely on Kosher and Halal food get the support from the federal government that they need."

Between June of last year and June of this year, 24 million households reported they were food insecure, compared to the 14 million households that faced food insecurity in 2020, showing the importance of federal feeding programs. Although programs like The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) have helped address this issue, kosher and halal food options are limited.

The congressmembers were joined by Rep. James McGovern (D-MA), Co-Chair of the House Hunger Caucus. McGovern secured \$2.5 million to make the second conference focused on ending hunger in over 50 years possible, and has worked for years to build awareness and push for legislation to address food insecurity problems. The conference took place earlier this week.

## QBP Richards on Status of Innovation QNS

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following regarding the status of Innovation QNS.

"I've been clear throughout this long and often frustrating land use process that the development team behind Innovation QNS needed to put forth a steadfast commitment to true affordability. I believe today's announced

compromise of setting aside 40 percent of the project's units — approximately 1,100 homes — as permanently affordable, while ensuring approximately 500 of those units are available at 30 percent of the area median income, represents significant progress toward exactly that," said Borough President RICHARDS. "With Astoria and New York

City as a whole in the throes of a housing crisis, we must set a new standard when it comes to ensuring private development provides significant public benefits to the communities they seek to call home. I thank the development team behind Innovation QNS for its partnership in bringing true and deep affordable housing to Queens."

## Senators Gillibrand & Bennet Applaud Biden Administration For Awarding \$225 Million to Train 13,000 Community Health Workers Across The Country

*Gillibrand and Bennet Secured \$3 Billion in the American Rescue Plan for the Development of a Robust Public Health Workforce*

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) are applauding the Biden administration for awarding \$225 million to train 13,000 community health workers across the country. Specifically, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is awarding \$225.5 million to 83 grantees as part of the Community Health Worker Training Program, which is a new multiyear program that will support training and apprenticeship for an estimated 13,000 new community health workers.

This work builds on the \$3 billion Gillibrand and Bennet secured in the American Rescue Plan based on their legislation — the Health Force, Resilience Force, and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act (Health Force). HHS has been using ARP funding to provide much-needed support to health workers treating COVID-19 and other patients at the ground level, including in New York, as well as helping with vaccine administration and connecting underserved communities with social and wraparound services.

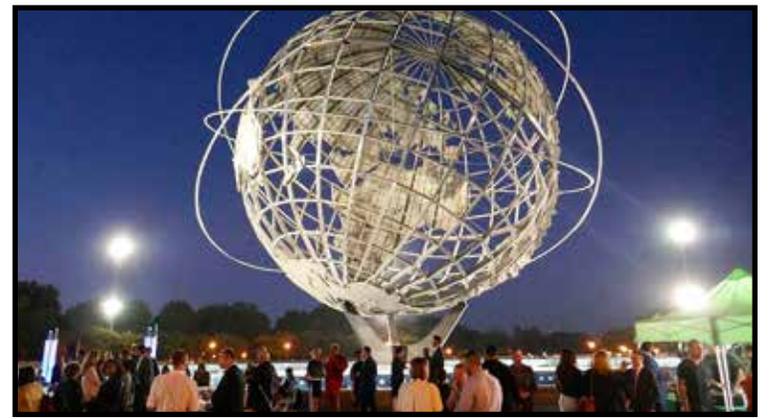
"The public health workforce is the pillar that keeps our communities safe and healthy, and I am so grateful to the Biden administration for their support in our goal of building a resilient community health workforce so

our public health system is ready for the next health crisis and beyond," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am especially grateful that New York specifically is getting over \$17 million for six New York grantees. It's members of our community health workforce who provide assistance in emergencies, help people make the most of the health services available to them, and connect them to services outside of the doctor's office, like housing and nutrition support, that play just as big of a role in their overall health. I will always fight for our community health workers who make our nation healthier and safer."

"At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Colorado's public

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## Alliance For Flushing Meadows Corona Park Invites Public to its 2022 "Evening Under The Sphere" Party For The Park



**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
**Location:** Unisphere at Flushing Meadows Corona Park/Queens  
**Contact:** [allianceforfmc@gmail.com](mailto:allianceforfmc@gmail.com), 718.760.6437

The Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park will hold its annual fundraising evening at the iconic Unisphere in New York City's Flushing Meadows Corona Park on October 12th at 6:30pm. The outdoor event moves inside in the event of rain.

Evening Under the Sphere celebrates "The World's Park," located in the most diverse community in the country, with food served buffet-style by a dozen Queens Night Market chefs as well as borough wine and beer breweries, and live and DJ music by the popular jazz ensemble Hina Oikawa Jazz Trio, presented by the Queens College School of the Arts, from 6pm to 7pm, brief remarks by local community leaders at 7pm, and dancing to "Basement Bhangra" sensation DJ Rekha from 7:30 pm to 9:30pm.

For tickets starting at \$50, guests will enjoy unlimited made-to-order food, courtesy of the following Queens Night Market vendors and sponsors: Hong Kong Street Food serving pan-fried noodles, Bstro serving Taiwanese popcorn chicken, Chick'n Rotonda serving Filipino sliders, DiLena's Dolcini serving Italian desserts, Treat Yourself Jerk Chicken serving Jamaican fare, Chop Chop Tea serving Hakkia cuisine, Mao's Bao serving dumplings, Sholay serving Indian barbecue, Arepalicious serving Colombian food, Bengali Street Eats serving biryani, Emeye serving Ethiopian cuisine, and La Braza serving Ecuadorian food. Beer and wine are being generously supplied by EBBS Brewing Co. (with locations at Citi Field and Williamsburg) and Monsieur Touton Wine.

This year, Alliance for FMCP will honor its three neighborhood hospitals and healthcare workers for their outstanding contribution to the park and its neighborhoods during extraordinary times. The recipients are New York-Presbyterian Queens, LIJ Forest Hills - Northwell Health, and NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst.

Also for the first time this year, Evening Under the Sphere is offering a charity auction online now thru October 5th at [https://www.charitybuzz.com/catalog\\_items/auction-nyc-holiday-package-with-2-roundtrip-delta-2523300](https://www.charitybuzz.com/catalog_items/auction-nyc-holiday-package-with-2-roundtrip-delta-2523300) to win a holiday package (including two domestic round-trip Delta Air Lines tickets, four tickets to the holiday show at Radio City Music Hall, and dinner and cocktails at the elegant midtown steakhouse, Butcher & Banker). About the

Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park - The Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park, formed in December 2015, raises funds that go directly to the park. Its 20-member board includes mayoral appointees and NYC Parks leadership, representatives from over 40 community organizations thru Jean C. Silva and Stephanie Bohn of the Alliance's Community Advisory Board (CAB), and civic, cultural and business leaders from the park's surrounding communities. To date, the Alliance has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds for gardeners and maintenance and operations staff; trucks, gem carts and other vehicles and equipment; hundreds of free outdoor exercise classes from Zumba to Cardio Fitness; free live entertainment for children and families from Silent Disco at the Unisphere to puppet shows, Shakespeare, and the upcoming Shocktoberfest pumpkin patch festival on October 30, 2022; the year-round Flushing Meadows Corona Park Environmental Stewardship Team to involve all the park's diverse communities, of all ages and abilities, in meaningful volunteer events to beautify and strengthen the park's natural resources and infrastructure; and an expansive docent program that offers free World's Fair History Walking Tours, nature clubs for intrepid urban explorers of all ages and abilities, and social clubs for active and passive recreation.

About Flushing Meadows Corona Park - Flushing Meadows Corona Park was designated as an official New York City Park on June 3, 1967. The flagship park of Queens and fourth largest park in New York City, its 898 acres serve 12 million visitors a year. The park is home to athletic fields, two lakes, hiking trails, seven playgrounds, and cultural institutions (Queens Theatre, New York Hall of Science, Queens Zoo, and Queens Museum), and popular sports venues (Citi Field, USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center). The park provides free open space in the heart of the city. As the original site of both New York City World's Fairs, the park retains 40 World's Fair sites and structures throughout its grounds. At the site of "Evening Under the Sphere" is the park's iconic Unisphere, built by U.S. Steel for the 1964/65 World's Fair. The 7,000-pound sculpture is located at the geographic center of New York City, on a direct axis to the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

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**ARIES**  
 (Mar 21 - April 20)  
 Take some time out and do some relaxing things you've been meaning to do. You must deal with an emotional problem with your co-workers. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr 21 - May 21)  
 Consider taking a pleasure vacation trip. Someone may secretly care about you. Your unique way of doing things will entice new business connections. Your lucky numbers are 2,1,9.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 If the opportunities arises to get involved in investment groups do it, it will payoff. Don't push your luck on your job. Don't make any hasty moves. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,8.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Do your homework before you invest. Get involved in creative projects that could turn into mon-ey-making ventures. Enjoy all that life has to offer. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug 22)  
 You should make changes to your living quarters that will please family members. You need to clear up some important personal matters. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,9.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug 23 - Sept 23)  
 Travel will be more exciting than you planned. Creative endeavors will give you somewhat of an out-let. lucky numbers are 6,8,5.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept 24 - Oct 23)  
 Put your priorities in order. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,9.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct 24 - Nov 22)  
 Your positive attitude and intel-lectual outlook will draw others to you. Short trips may be tiring but rewarding. You should be promot-ing your ideas. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,7.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov 23 - Dec 21)  
 Try not to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Ideas may sound good, but be careful if people are just looking for handouts. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec 22 - Jan 20)  
 Your creative ability will show when you make a presentation. Someone may be trying to un-dermine you. Opportunities for investments will occur. Your lucky numbers are 7,2,1.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan 21 - Feb 19)  
 Check your personal papers and be careful of identity theft. Ease the pressure by offering assistance. Get busy trying to make more money. Your lucky numbers are 2,6,8.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb 20 - Mar 20)  
 Don't be eager to start any new projects at work. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Relatives will be happy that you dropped by. Make sure you look at your investments carefully. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,7.

**Did You Know?**

- The primary reason for growing rice in flooded paddies is to drown the weeds surrounding the young seedlings (rice can grow in well drained areas)
- The softest known mineral is talc
- 'orology' is the study of mountains
- 20% of China's plants are used in medicine
- 2/3 of the world's eggplants are grown in the US New Jersey
- Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands
- It was once illegal to slam your car door in Switzerland
- Moths have white blood
- The diameter of Jupiter is 152,800km (88 700 miles)
- The diameter of Earth is 12,756 km (7,926 miles)
- The diameter of the sun is 1,390,000km (865,000 miles)
- Mount Everest is 8.9km (5.5 miles) high
- Dolphin's can detect underwater sounds from 24 km (15 miles) away
- Dinosaurs lived on Earth for over 165 million years before they became extinct
- Jellyfish have been on Earth for over 650 million years
- Only pregnant females polar bears hibernate
- Polar bears are strictly car-nivores

**SUDOKU**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Pay attention
  - Not second
  - Tent-pitching place
  - Against
  - A city in Nebraska
  - Follow orders
  - Food dryer
  - Close
  - An uncle
  - Keen
  - Flair
  - Medical needle
  - Coronet
  - Falsehood
  - Union
  - A group on concubines
  - Cool down
  - Director's cry
  - Genus of gorse
  - Board game
  - Of higher order
  - Diety
  - Levitate
  - Adjust again
  - Coastal region
  - Hurried on foot
  - Tally
  - Laic
  - Complete
  - Rent
  - Sash
  - Greek goddess of discord
  - Belonging to the past
  - Dispatched
  - Not outer
  - Speed competition
  - Clothing
  - Cast out
  - Large northern deer

- DOWN**
- Hell
  - Foe
  - Aromatic solvent
  - Do It Yourself
  - Scrouge (for food)
  - Picture
  - Assess
  - A small group of applicants
  - Driveway surface
  - Against
  - Suspensions
  - Lunch or dinner
  - Combustible pile
  - Jeans material
  - Travel on water by wind
  - Holly
  - Misfortunes
  - Coming up
  - Adorable
  - French for "State"
  - Embraces
  - Balm ingredient
  - Editing
  - Chuckling
  - Extended family
  - List of choices
  - Highly offensive
  - Formula 1 driver
  - Brags
  - Holiday destination
  - Satisfies
  - Neighborhood
  - By surprise
  - Angers
  - Exam
  - Black-and-white cookie
  - Slave
  - Hasten
  - Anger

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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

**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**TRY AND FIND**

**IT'S A MALL WORLD**

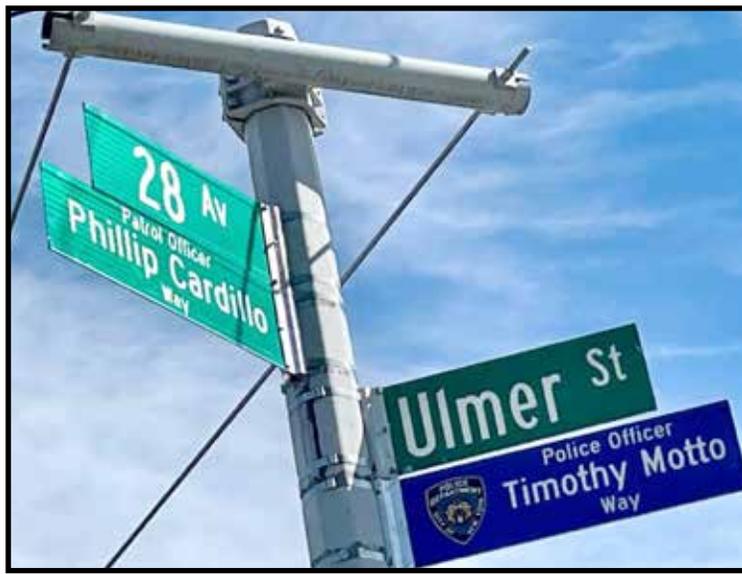
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**Arcade**      **Cash**      **Fountain**      **Purse**  
**ATM**        **Clothes**      **Friends**      **Samples**  
**Boutique**   **Escalator**   **Girls**        **Security Guards**  
**Boy-Watch**   **Fitting Room** **Hang Out**   **Shop**  
**Browse**      **Food Court**   **Movies**      **Store**

### Street Co-Naming in Honor of Officer Timothy Motto

On September 24th Council member Paladino hosted a street co-naming to honor NYPD officer Timothy Motto. Officer Motto worked at the 28th precinct in Harlem and when the 9/11 attacks happened he went to ground zero without hesitation. Unfortunately because of the the work done at ground zero, Officer Motto was taken too soon.

Officer Timothy Motto was a hero and his legacy will live forever in our memories. Each time we look up and see his name on Ulmer Street, we know that there is a special story to tell.



### Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Requests More NYPD Officers For Community

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) penned a formal letter to NYPD Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell and made an official request for more police officers to be allocated to the local precincts. "...with recruitment underway and the hopeful addition of new police officers, I am formally requesting that additional or new officers be assigned to the 100th, 101st and the 106th Precincts," she wrote in her letter.

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato is known for being a firm advocate for the NYPD and speaking out in support of the work the men and women in blue do for our community. "I have personally seen the strain our police officers are currently going through and believe all three precincts are understaffed," the letter said. The Assemblywoman has heard from residents at not just the local precinct council meetings but from people throughout South Queens. "I am asking the Commissioner to assign more officers to South Queens as we need more police presence to ensure the safety of our residents and com-



munity," she said.

Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato personally promoted the recruitment opportunity during the recent onboarding season for NYPD and received comments from several interested individuals. "The work the members of the

NYPD do is beyond commendable and every single one of them deserves our praise and extreme gratitude. I am proud to support the NYPD and will continue to be a friend and advocate for them in every way," said Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato.

### Statement From Senator John Liu on New DOE School Admissions Policy



State Senator John Liu, chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education, today stated the following about the NYC Department of Education's planned changes to middle and high school admissions.

"Many parents and students were rightly outraged at last year's randomized admissions process in which many students failed to place any of their ranked picks, and were forced to attend schools that were often unaligned with

their interests and far from home. At first glance, the DOE's plan appears to edge away from that widely loathed lottery and place greater emphasis on academic diligence and achievement.

"Chancellor Banks is right to recognize that many areas of the city have long been underserved by a lack of accelerated learning schools. Great to see this plan expand opportunities for more rigorous coursework via the creation of new screened schools for students and families who seek it in communities long devoid of such schools.

"Equity and achievement should never be mutually exclusive, and it remains unclear if the administration's efforts to narrow the lottery bands, even to 15%, fosters true educational achievement and equity. The DOE and Chancellor Banks must be sure to work through this delicate balance by doing more to engage the parents, students and stakeholders across the city who feel excluded by previous administrations and still left out of the process today."

### Attorney General James' Statement on Death of FDNY EMS Lieutenant Alison Russo-Elling



Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement in response to the stabbing death of on duty FDNY Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Lieutenant Alison Russo-Elling:

"My heart aches for the family, friends, and fellow EMS officers who loved Lieutenant Alison Russo-Elling. This senseless,

brutal attack against a dedicated public servant is horrific, infuriating, and devastating. This attack reminds us all of the dangers faced by New York EMS personnel, and why these dedicated heroes who have earned our respect deserve pay equity and fair compensation. EMS officials like Lieutenant Russo-Elling put themselves in harm's way to serve their fellow New Yorkers, they should be recognized and paid fairly for their devotion and duty. I join with all New Yorkers as we grieve for Lieutenant Russo-Elling. May her memory be a blessing and an inspiration."

### Congresswoman Grace Meng Visits Queens College Pathogen-Testing Lab She Helped Fund



Pictured (L. to R.): Queens College students Mazharul Mahe, Michael Loccisano, Rabab Mahdi, Justin Silbiger; Queens College President Frank H. Wu; Queens College virologist John Dennehy; Congresswoman Grace Meng; Queens College students Jade Cheng, Jon Shadan, Zubaida Islam, Alexandra Goldblatt; postdoctoral researcher Sherin Kannyol; and Dean of the Queens College School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Daniel Weinstein. Photo by Andy Poon, Queens College. See story on page 10.

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### CM Julie Won Celebrates \$5.3 Million In Capital Funding Allocated to Murray Playground

Recently, Council Member Julie Won celebrated the City Council allocating \$5.3 million in capital funding to Murray Playground in Long Island City. \$4.1 million was allocated to reconstruct the park's synthetic turf and \$1.2 million was allocated to renovate the dog run. Council Member Julie Won was also able to get a commitment to repair the broken tiles on the playground for the children's sprinkler system, daily cleaning of excess sand on the playground from the sandbox, regular gardening and cleaning schedule throughout the entire park, and increased security lighting throughout the park.



Council Member Won was joined for a walkthrough of the park by NYC Parks staff including NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Michael Dockett, Regional Manager Eric Goetz, Deputy Center Manager Monet Davis, and Team Leader Capital Representative Eric Mattes, and also local Long Island City parents.

we secured \$5.3 million from the City Council for much-needed improvements to the park! We want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams and also NYC Parks Queens Commissioner Michael Dockett and his team for making this project possible."

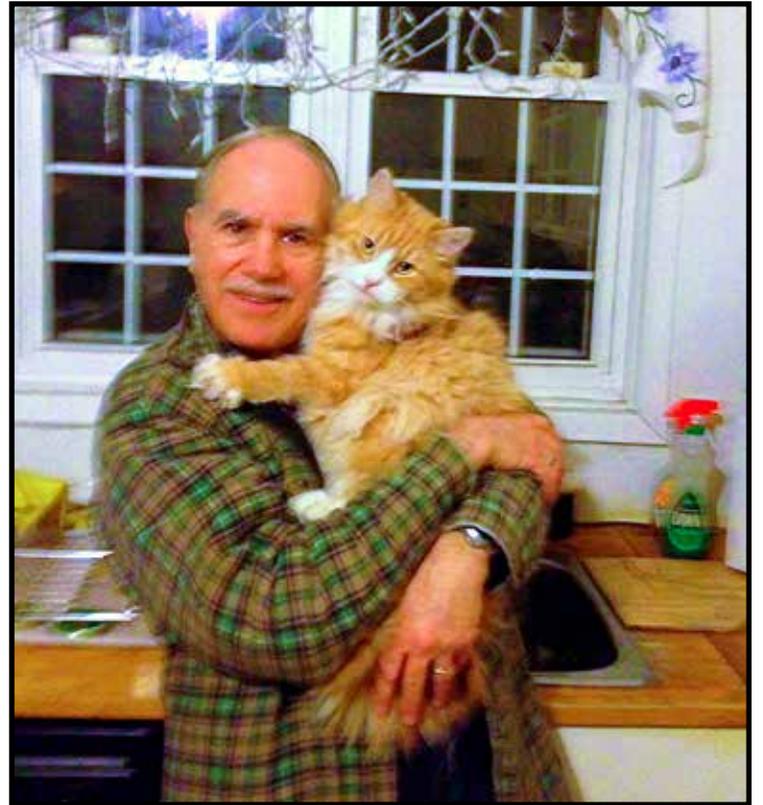
its synthetic turf and renovations to the dog run. I thank Council Member Won for her leadership in championing this project for her district."

"Since my first day in office, I heard from parents about capital investments needed to renovate Murray Playground, like the sprinkler area that has broken tiles, the worn out turf that hasn't been replaced for 15 years, and areas that need more lighting at night," said Council Member Julie Won. "As a mom, I want to make sure that our parks are clean, safe, and fun for our children, so I'm happy to announce that through our advocacy,

"Our city's parks and playgrounds serve as public spaces that allow New Yorkers of all ages to exercise, recreate, and spend time with neighbors," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "They have become even more valuable and important in light of the pandemic, and improving these spaces is critical to New Yorkers' health and well-being. I'm proud to have prioritized investments to Murray Playground in the city budget that will result in the reconstruction of

"As a mother and longtime resident of Long Island City, I couldn't be more excited for Julie to help us secure \$5.3 million for much needed improvements to Murray Park," said parent Janelle Pacheco Winowich. "My son and his friends play there every day and it is such an important part of our neighborhood. We appreciate the prompt attention and dedication to making our community safe, clean, and updated for all. The Friends of Murray Park group looks forward to a continued partnership with Council Member Julie Won and our elected officials."

### Assemblyman Colton is Endorsed by The Humane Society



Assemblyman William Colton (D - Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is pleased to say that he was endorsed by the Humane Society Legislative Fund. I was also endorsed by AFL-CIO, NY League of Conservation Voters, NYC Resident Alliance, District Leader Nancy Tong, District Leader Charles Ragusa, and many others.

ance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses. I also supported and cosponsored A-4283 legislation that passed this year to ban the sale of dogs from puppy mills," Colton stated.

"I am a long-time supporter and animal lover. Animals always played a big role in my life since I was a child. I am strongly against animal cruelty and exploitation and deeply care about animal wellbeing. As a state legislator and as a pet lover, I have always seriously looked to support legislation to protect animals. I have cosponsored several bills such as A-1549 to create a database of crimes against animals, A-2122 for unreasonable confinement practices to animals, of A-536 promoting awareness and enforcement of laws against animal cruelty. I cosponsored and voted for both A-5746 to make contests competitions, and tournaments to take wildlife animals unlawful and A-5542 prohibiting the issu-

"At one time I voluntarily allowed the use of my political headquarters to be used as a recovery space for a large group of feral cats on a block. I believe society and government planning must better recognize the importance of the presence of pet family members when prepping for a natural disaster where families need to be temporarily relocated so that such relocation sites include the permitting of families to keep their pets with them," Colton continued.

"I believe we need to provide resources for strict enforcement of laws against cruelty to animals. There is also a high correlation between those who are violent to animals and those who commit violent acts against other humans. I am strongly opposing unnecessary research using the testing of animals. Such projects as cosmetics testing should not be allowed," Colton added.

### Glow Community Center Senior Appreciation Day



Following the Concert, Attorney General Melinda Katz's Office joined local leaders and seniors at the Glow Community Center NYC

in Flushing for a Senior Appreciation Day, organized by State Senator John Liu.

way for generations of community members and leaders. I hope they've taken full advantage of the various activities provided all month long.

Our senior citizens have paved the

### Breakfast With Our Local Business Owners

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz hosted the Queens Chamber of Commerce for a breakfast with business owners across the borough to address concerns related to general crime rates, retail theft, and cyber crime.



QDA Katz said "Small businesses steer the engine of our progress and city-wide economy. Ensuring the safety of our local owners and their employees is one of the top priorities for my administration. And I want to extend my gratitude towards Tom Grech and all members and staff of the Queens Chamber of Commerce for partnering with my office for this special program."

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(Oct. 7 to Oct. 13)

They'll be dancing in the streets...as well as a garden, globe, and auditorium aisles this week. It logically follows that they'll be playing fantastic music as well. That's not all, of course, as history, swashbuckling, and a parade are also on the schedule.

- Oct. 8, El Gran Combo, 8 pm. For 60 years, El Gran Combo has brought people together with joyful Salsa music. The group celebrates the milestone anniversary with special guests Luis Figueroa ("Hasta el Sol de Hoy") and comedian Sara Conteras. Queens College's Colden Auditorium, Reeves Avenue, Flushing.



Preya

- Oct. 7, Free First Friday, 11 am. On the first Friday of every month, admission is free. (Reservations are strongly suggested.) The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.



Gran Combo

- Oct. 8, Here We Root Dance, 4 pm + 5:30 pm. Two performances of an original outdoor contemporary dance inspired by Asian immigrant stories in Flushing. The piece combines movements with text, theatre, and an original score, and the audience is encouraged to participate in an interactive moment. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.



FTH Jazz Jam

- Oct. 8, Garba Around The Globe, 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. Free, but registration is required. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 8, Field Guide: Sustenance; Fires, 11 am. Artist Marcela Torres leads a group that will plan, dig, and build a site for a pitted fire while considering aromatic energy, scent bouquets, and herbal bundles. Then it's time to cook. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

from Provident Bank.

- Oct. 8, Family Treasures Day, 1 pm. Bring heirlooms to learn from experts how to preserve them. Items may include personal objects, photographs, or documents, such as certificates or correspondence. Queens Memory's Digital Archives team will create archival-quality scans. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 8, The Hey Nows, 8 pm. This top 40 party band has a special knack for connecting with audiences. They cover everything from Tom Petty to The Chainsmokers. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Oct. 8, World's Fair History Walk, 4 pm. A free guided walk with docent Linda Fisher to a dozen World's Fair sites, ending near the entrance to Queens Night Market. Meet at the Alliance of FMCP tent just behind the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 8, Classical Music, 4 pm. Pianist Yejin Han performs, followed by a reception. The Center at Maple Grove Cemetery, enter via the gate at 129th Street and Kew Gardens Road.

- Oct. 8, The Astoria Queens Columbus Day Parade, noon. The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens organizes this 45th annual event, which kicks off at Kaufman Studios, 34-12 36th St., and heads to a reviewing stand on Astoria Boulevard and 32nd Street. The grand marshal is Vito Giannola

- Oct. 9, Green Soul + Elijah Thomas, 6:30 pm + 8 pm. Elijah Thomas plays flutes and piccolo. Kelly Green takes care of piano and voice. Luca Soul smoothes everything out on bass. Green Soul Studios, 110-20 73rd Rd., Forest Hills.

- Oct. 9, Reed Removal Volunteer Day, 10 am. Join the Alliance for FMCP for a day of volunteering and learning about the waterfront. Meadow Lake Boathouse, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 10, Random Access Music, 7 pm. A Queens-based ensemble offers world premieres of songs for clarinet, cello, piano, ryuteki, hichiriki, and koto. First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills, 70-35 112th St.

- Oct. 12, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7

pm. On the second Wednesday of the month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers and the house band led by saxophonist Carol Sudhalter. Don't play? Don't worry. Listen. The house band opens each jam with Satchmo. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 13, The Three Musketeers, Oct. 16. Commissioned by The Acting Company, this adaptation sheds new light on a time-honored swashbuckling adventure and gives a favorite story new importance. Shows are on Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm, Oct. 15 at 8 pm, and Oct. 16 at 3 pm. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 13, Thursday Night Jazz, 8 pm. This monthly program re-launches with More Better, a genre-bending quartet that plays a fusion of African American music, everything from bebop to free jazz. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 13, Literary Thursdays, 6 pm. Carmen Rita Wong discusses her deeply personal memoir, Why Didn't You Tell Me?, which traces her search for understanding of family and identity. This daughter of Dominican immigrants navigates white spaces, trailblazes in the media, and builds her own family.

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## Mayor Adams, NYC H+H CEO Katz Announce Successful Rollout And Expansion of Plant-Based Meals as Default Option For Patients in NYC Public Hospitals

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healthy eating habits and improve sustainability in our city's food systems. We should expand plant-based meal options across public agencies and integrate plant-based meals as a direct diabetes prevention and management strategy everywhere we can."

"It is no secret that Bronx county has struggled to break a vicious cycle that has earned the borough the title of being New York's unhealthiest county," said New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca, Jr. "Poor diets caused by limited access to healthy foods has led many Bronxites to suffer from severe health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease. As the Adams' administration works to create and expand healthier food habits and options in the city, I am thrilled NYC Health + Hospitals' wildly successful plant-based menu at Lincoln Hospital, one of three city hospitals chosen to participate in the plant-based food pilot program, has paved the way for a city-wide rollout. Beyond the obvious health indicators, today's announcement shows that Bronxites are resoundingly choosing a healthier lifestyle."

"This is an important step towards food justice and allowing people options. Everyone deserves to have choice in what they put in their body and the decisions they make about their health," said New York City Councilmember Althea Stevens.

"Diversity in our hospital dietary menus is extremely important, especially for patients with varying needs," said New York City Councilmember Marjorie Velazquez. "Implementing a plant-based option addresses these health concerns and offers families a chance not to worry

about finding suitable meal options for their loved ones. For others, this is a lifestyle they choose as they work towards having a healthier diet that meets their health goals. I am excited to see communities across the city have access to options that meet their dietary needs and reflect the many cultures of New York City."

"The American Heart Association recommends that people consume healthy sources of protein derived mostly from plants (legumes and nuts), eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and choose foods made mostly with whole grains rather than refined grains," said Rafael Ortiz, M.D., president, American Heart Association Board of Directors in New York City and chief, Neuro-Endovascular Surgery, Lenox Hill Hospital. "These guidelines, while not exclusive to a plant-based diet, clearly illustrate the importance of plant foods to promoting good health."

"A healthy diet plays an important role in maintaining good health. NYC Health + Hospitals' transition to plant-based meals demonstrates that the country's largest public health system is also an innovative leader when it comes to promoting public health and improving patient outcomes," said New York State Nurses Association First Vice President Judith Cutchin, DNP, RN.

"Good health starts with good nutrition," said Michael Davoli, senior government relations director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). "Research has shown that poor diet and not being active are key factors that can increase a person's cancer risk. We are pleased that Mayor Adams and NYC Health + Hospitals are continuing to promote healthy eating and to remove the barriers

that are preventing many New Yorkers from living a healthy lifestyle."

"Increasing the number of healthy plant-based options that patients and staff have to choose from is a clear win-win. Providing culturally diverse options can help patients experience 'food as medicine' firsthand and inspire healthy eating habits to take back home to their families," said Dr. Catherine Collings, president, The American College of Lifestyle Medicine.

"The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) applauds NYC Health + Hospitals for offering healthful, plant-based meal options to patients in the hospital," said Sheena Patel, director of nutrition programs, American Institute for Cancer Research. "Diets that put nutrient-rich plant foods first like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, nuts and seeds are one of AICR's core recommendations to reduce cancer risk and for healthy survivorship. Plant foods provide a variety of vitamins, minerals, fiber and phytochemicals that are known to be cancer protective. We support NYC Health + Hospitals' efforts to make plant-based foods the star of the plate."

"NYC Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, and RDNs all across the country, are ecstatic to see plant-based meal options at NYC Health + Hospitals. The hospital setting is the perfect place to offer a healthful, plant-centric eating plan and inspire patients to enjoy foods that nourish and promote health. The diverse flavor offerings will especially encourage inpatients on special diets to meet their needs," said Theresa Gentile, MS, RDN, CDN, New York City media spokesperson, New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

## Senators Gillibrand & Bennet Applaud Biden Administration For Awarding \$225 Million to Train 13,000 Community Health Workers Across The Country

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health infrastructure was underfunded by as much as 40%. Since then, I've fought for investments like this one through the American Rescue Plan to break down barriers to health care access and invest in our nation's health infrastructure. With this funding, Colorado can invest in community-focused care that meets tomorrow's public health challenges," said Senator Bennet.

The \$3 billion already secured by Senators Gillibrand and Bennet in the American Rescue Plan is

being invested in the creation of a robust public health workforce, providing community leaders with the tools to improve health outcomes in their communities. New York City received \$35 million from the Department of Health and Human Services and established the inaugural New York City Public Health Corps with more than 500 community health care workers. The New York City Public Health Corps has managed to help with a range of issues, from getting people vaccinated to counseling residents about diabetes and depression.

## St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911 Charity Drive



St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911 in Douglaston, had their annual charity drive in front of St. Anastasia Parish in Douglaston. They collected funds from those who attended Masses on October 2. It was successful thanks to Rev. David Dettmer who allowed for the charity drive

The Knights of Columbus council thanked everyone in the parish who donated on that day. Pictured from left to right: Frederick Bedell Jr. Grand Knight, Michael Proto, Richard Turello, and August Randazzo, which are of some members who collected contributions. Photo by Marie Proto.

## QBP Donovan Richards Announces Launch of Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge

*Months-long initiative to deliver \$20K in funding for winning start-ups*

Four months after pledging in his State of the Borough address to make Queens a leading hub of innovation and technology, Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., today announced the launch of his inaugural Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge (QTIC), with the goal of empowering local entrepreneurs with the skills and funding needed to grow their start-ups.

Developed and presented in partnership with the Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC), the QTIC is a multi-month competition for Queens-based entrepreneurs in search of funding. The initiative includes entrepreneurial classes, one-on-one mentorship opportunities and networking events to help applicants develop their pitches, which will be heard by a panel of judges next spring.

"As we rebuild our economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Queens must be a true in-

novator of innovation and a leader of the growing tech movement. With the Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge, we're empowering some of the brightest minds in the borough to ensure just that," said Borough President RICHARDS. "From entrepreneurial classes and mentoring events to funding, the QTIC will be a game-changer for those looking to turn their dreams into a reality. Thank you to QEDC and all our partners for helping make this competition possible."

"At QEDC, we strongly believe that entrepreneurs are the bedrock of the borough's economy. Thus, we're very excited to expand this time-honored QTIC program and reach more people this year," said Queens Economic Development Corporation Executive Director SETH BORNSTEIN. "I encourage all budding entrepreneurs to sign up and participate. You'll learn a lot and you might get some extremely helpful funding. I'd also like to thank Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., Flushing Bank, Resorts World NYC, Google, Meta, NYC Tech, and Microsoft for their generous

support."

The QTIC will be divided into five categories: Urban Tech, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence, Aviation and Hospitality Technology, Community, and Food-Based.

To participate in the QTIC, interested individuals must first complete an intake form and a 2-page application between today, October 4, and March 1, 2023. Along with the application, entrepreneurs must submit a video pitch of up to three minutes long, as well as a three-year financial projection. The intake form and application are not required to be completed simultaneously.

Interested individuals must be Queens-based entrepreneurs age 18 and older and will be required to attend a minimum of four on-line workshops hosted by QEDC, among other criteria, in order to apply. For the full list of eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply, click here.

After applying, entrepreneurs will be able to connect with QEDC

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## Remembrance Day For Murder Victims



On National Remembrance Day for Murder Victims, The Queens District Attorneys Office paid tribute to everyone who has suffered a great tragedy, and stood shoulder to shoulder with our law enforcement partners, victim service agencies, and community members in honoring those we've

lost. QDA Katz said "Obtaining justice for victims and their loved ones remains at the heart and center of our work."

QDA Katz thanked Ms. Carolyn Dixon of Where Do We Go From Here Inc. for co-hosting our tribute ceremony.



## Dinapoli: NYC Put Federal Funds to Work Quickly to Shore up Budget And Drive Recovery

*Majority of Obligated Funds Used for Revenue Replacement and Mitigating Negative Economic Impacts, But State Comptroller Urges Caution for Remaining Funds*

New York City is using the federal funds it received in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to replace revenue losses and mitigate negative economic impacts, similar to other major cities in the country, but it has used them at a faster pace than its peer cities, which leaves less available to address future uncertainties, according to a report released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

“New York City acted quickly to use federal dollars to shore up its finances and keep vital services going during the pandemic,” DiNapoli said. “As state and local governments now face new fiscal uncertainties from rising inflation and a potential recession, the city must closely monitor the shifting fiscal environment to use any remaining funds in ways that continue to boost recovery and avoid spending choices that increase budgetary gaps.”

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided \$350 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for states, local and tribal governments with resources to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build stronger, more equitable economies. DiNapoli’s report examined how New York City and other local governments across the country used the first of two partial payments of these funds, totaling nearly \$224 billion.

The U.S. Treasury Department has praised recipients for recovery strategies that prioritize urgent needs but has also encouraged recipients to make long-term invest-

ments. Some of those investments have already begun and there is still time for recipients who have not already spent all of their funds to fully implement their recovery plans over the next two years.

DiNapoli’s report found that New York City obligated about \$2.5 billion (86%) of the \$2.9 billion in SLFRF funds it received through March 2022. That is among the fastest rates among the nation’s 10 largest cities and is higher than the average for the more than 14,000 local government recipients (55.6%) reviewed. Five of the country’s 10 biggest cities had not yet obligated 50% of the first round of funds as of March 2022.

Many of the largest cities (six out of 10) chose to allocate more than 80% of their funds towards general operating expenses to offset revenue losses, exceeding the average among local governments (69.5%). Only three cities (Dallas, Phoenix and San Jose) devoted less than 40% of their obligations to date towards revenue replacement.

More than half of New York City’s relief funds received to date were devoted to revenue replacement, mostly for personal services at the four uniformed agencies (Correction, Fire, Police and Sanitation) and the Department of Education, as well as for waste collection and removal services. Another 27% were directed to help businesses and nonprofits, as well as household and worker assistance. Public health services were allocated 16% of the funds, mostly for mitigation and prevention activities.

As noted in the Biden Administration’s May 2022 American Rescue Plan Equity Report, the prior COVID-19 relief programs for state and local governments had predominantly responded to emergency health and economic needs and had not emphasized re-

sponding to underlying disparities in underserved communities. In May 2022, the Treasury Department renewed calls for recipients to continue to use their SLFRF for transformative investments in their communities.

Of New York City’s nearly \$3 billion in unobligated SLFRF as of April 1, 2022, most will be allocated to revenue replacement for salaries and contractual services as well as supporting school-based public health services, and certain other ongoing costs of the public health emergency. Other than for revenue replacement, the balance of SLFRF will be dedicated to expansions of various public health services along with housing, legal and employment assistance targeted to low-income residents. At this time, the city does not plan to use any of its funds for infrastructure projects, including broadband.

As shown in DiNapoli’s fiscal cliffs tracker, some of the city’s initiatives funded with SLFRF and other new programs could create additional spending obligations going forward. If they prove popular, elected officials will be under pressure to renew funding beyond fiscal year 2025 when the temporary federal relief will be exhausted.

DiNapoli’s report also found:

- Nationally, local governments have claimed revenue losses stemming from the pandemic totaling \$92.7 billion.
- New York City experienced an estimated revenue loss of 8.3%, equivalent to approximately \$5.9 billion over two years, which is roughly the amount in SLFRF disbursements provided to the city.
- Many of the largest cities are expected to continue to rely on funds allocated to revenue replacement to provide budgetary stability over the remainder of the program’s performance period.

## Attorney General James Urges New Yorkers to Follow E-Bike Safety Tips And Help Prevent Battery Fires

*E-Bike, E-Scooter, and Hoverboard Batteries May Cause Fires or Explosions if Handled Improperly*

New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned New Yorkers of the potential dangers caused by electrical bike (e-bike) batteries and offered tips on how to safely handle them. Additionally, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) generated an informational flyer about e-bike safety tips, which is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Bengali, and Haitian Creole. Most e-bikes, as well as e-scooters and hoverboards, use powerful lithium-ion batteries that store more energy and are more likely to catch fire than a typical battery. In 2021, e-bike and e-scooter bat-

teries tragically led to 79 injuries and four deaths in New York City. If the proper precautions are taken when buying, maintaining, storing, charging, and disposing of these batteries, accidents can be avoided.

“E-bikes are a valuable resource for many hard-working New Yorkers, but they can carry safety risks if not used properly,” said Attorney General James. “That is exactly why it is so important that they are used carefully. While it can be tempting to search for deals or overlook problems, no convenience is worth your safety or your life. Taking all proper precautions can protect yourself, your family, your property, and everyone around you.”

Attorney General James recommends consumers take the follow-

ing steps when using e-bikes:

- Buy your e-bike and battery from a trusted manufacturer.
- Maintain your battery by carefully checking it from time to time.
- Store your battery in a safe place.
- Charge your battery using only the cord and power adapter provided by the manufacturer.
- Dispose your battery at a battery-recycling location.
- o Note: Putting batteries in the trash or recycling them at home is both unsafe and illegal. Visit gov/batteries to find places that can safely dispose of them.

For more information about e-bike safety tips, please visit the informational flyer provided in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Bengali, and Haitian Creole by OAG

## Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on Fatal Stabbing of EMS Lt. Alison Russo

“I am heartbroken by the loss of 25-year EMS Lieutenant Alison Russo, who was tragically killed today in Astoria. My condolences

are with her family, loved ones, and community. Our city is mourning her loss. As the mother of an FDNY paramedic, I know firsthand the

critical work our EMTs do every day. The safety of these dedicated public servants who heroically save lives is critically important.”

## Congresswoman Grace Meng Visits Queens College Pathogen-Testing Lab She Helped Fund

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Queens College President Frank H. Wu welcomed Congresswoman Grace Meng at the school’s Wastewater Epidemiology Training Laboratory (WETLAB), a project that she made possible with \$1,850,000 in federal funding to develop strategies to detect dangerous pathogens in wastewater, including coronaviruses such as COVID-19, influenza, and more recently, polio and monkeypox. The money is part of nearly \$10 million in federal allocations for Community Project Funding that was secured by Meng for ten projects throughout Queens.

“I want to thank all of you for joining us on this important occasion,” said Wu. “I am especially grateful to Congresswoman Grace Meng, one of Queens College’s most effective advocates. Thanks to her vision, we are on the forefront of virus detection in New York City. She supported funding that made it possible to replace obsolete and old laboratory equipment, allowing Professor Dennehy and his researchers to increase the sensitivity and throughput of their analyses. The funds will also make it possible to get new items that expand the kind of data they collect, further increasing their ability to conduct research.”

Queens College virologist John Dennehy, who conceived and directs the QC WETLAB project and has made national headlines for his wastewater analysis efforts, and his students were also on hand to thank Meng and discuss their work. Mumbai native Sherin Kannyol, a National Institutes of Health-funded postdoctoral researcher in Dennehy’s lab, has developed a patent-pending device for the project that traps pathogens as sewer system water flows through it so that they can be extracted for testing.

“Queens College does an outstanding job in serving students,” said Congresswoman Meng. “It also contributes greatly to our borough and city, and spearheading projects like these are a tremendous example of how it does that. The work of this WETLAB will be critical to the health and safety of New Yorkers, helping to ensure that we are prepared and equipped to tackle public health challenges when they occur. I am eager to see the work that the lab produces and look forward to it benefiting Queens and New York for many years to come. As New York’s senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am proud to have secured this crucial funding.”

## Statement from Speaker Adrienne Adams on Yom Kippu

“Tonight, families across New York City will begin to observe Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of Atonement, and one of the holiest days of the year. Members of the Jewish community will gather to reflect on the past year, how they lived their values, served their

Dennehy said, “Wastewater-based epidemiology is a rapidly developing technology that will provide high paying jobs to our community in addition to helping keep Americans safe from future pandemics. We are grateful that Congresswoman Grace Meng has the vision and foresight to support this work, which is a tremendous boon to CUNY students and the citizens of Queens.”

Daniel Weinstein, dean of the Queens College School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, acknowledged Meng’s support in remarks.

Reflecting the extraordinary diversity of the university and college communities, Dennehy is one of the only U.S.-born members of his research team. Colleague Monica Trujillo, a Queensborough Community College microbiologist, is a native of Uruguay, and technicians who have worked on the project over the last two years—several of whom have pursued postgraduate studies or medical school—have come from Bangladesh, Burma, China, India, Japan, Nepal, and Taiwan. One technician is the child of Iranian parents.

After monitoring SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater at all 14 NYC wastewater treatment plants for the past two years, the Queens College team has expanded monitoring efforts to NYC Health + Hospitals facilities, where asymptomatic patients carrying serious infections may be shedding them in wastewater. The researchers are working to extend sampling to local airports to detect new pathogens being carried into the country at the earliest possible opportunity.

About the Queens College Wastewater Epidemiology Training Laboratory The Wastewater Epidemiology Training Laboratory (WETLAB) at Queens College aims to develop simple, cost-effective, and robust strategies for detecting the presence of dangerous pathogens—including coronaviruses, polio, and influenza—in sewer shed wastewater, while training students of diverse backgrounds to participate in high-level research activities. Failure to control virus outbreaks led to the emergence of novel variants of concern that threaten to erase gains from vaccination and recovery-based natural immunity. For these reasons, new approaches to community-wide pathogen surveillance are crucial for addressing the current and future pandemics. The WETLAB project was conceived and is directed by Queens College Biology Professor John Dennehy.

families and communities, and are committed to future change in the coming year. I wish to extend an easy and meaningful fast for all those who are observing. May we all be sealed in the book of life. G’mar Chatima Tova.”

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advisors for one-on-one mentoring sessions and attend a variety of QTIC networking events in the coming months. In Spring 2023, 15 finalists will be selected — three from each category — to participate in Pitch Day, with each finalist pitching their start-up to a panel of judges. One winner will be declared in each category and awarded with \$20,000 in funding.

Entities providing financial support for the QTIC include Flushing Bank, Resorts World NYC, Google, Meta and NYC Tech, with Microsoft providing addi-

tional in-kind support.

“We are proud to have been a part of the growth and development of Queens for over 90 years. The QTIC initiative is an exciting program that will establish Queens as a center of innovation and technology and create unique opportunities for the underserved in our community by providing mentoring, coaching, and ultimately high-paying jobs,” said Flushing Bank President and CEO JOHN R. BURAN. “We are proud to partner with the Queens Borough President’s office and the other sponsors on this exciting new program.”

“We are proud to support

this new initiative that will bring out the innovative vision and entrepreneurial spirit of the next generation of business leaders in Queens. This challenge will help to break down barriers and provide entrepreneurs with access to mentors, networking opportunities and a chance to sharpen their next big idea,” said Resorts World NYC Vice President of Community Development MICHELLE STODDART. “Borough President Richards is leading on an issue dear to us all—providing young men and women in Queens with a chance to realize their dream.”

**MTA to Install ABLE Cameras on 300 Additional Buses Across Nine Routes by End of 2022**

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of illegal cars and other vehicles in bus lanes.

The remaining routes will be rolled out as follows: S79 SBS, Bx12 SBS, Bx41 SBS, Bx19, Q43, B62, B25, and B42. Locations were determined to maximize the length of bus lanes covered, balance distribution between boroughs, address some of the newer bus lanes, and incorporate input from the MTA and NYCDOT on known locations with

issues.

Each bus lane corridor will have signage indicating the hours that the bus lanes are operable, and warning motorists that the lanes are camera-enforced, as the existing bus lane corridors have. NYCDOT will issue warnings to motorists for the first 60 days, in accordance with State law, to ensure drivers are informed about the program before any fines are levied. Drivers who violate these rules during enforcement periods

are subject to a summons, with fines beginning at \$50 and escalating, for repeat offenders, up to \$250.

ABLE camera systems capture license plate information, photos and videos, together with location and timestamp information. This information is then transmitted to NYCDOT for review and processing. The program is administered in partnership with NYCDOT and the New York City Department of Finance.

On this Columbus Day we honor, and celebrate all the contributions of Italian-Americans.



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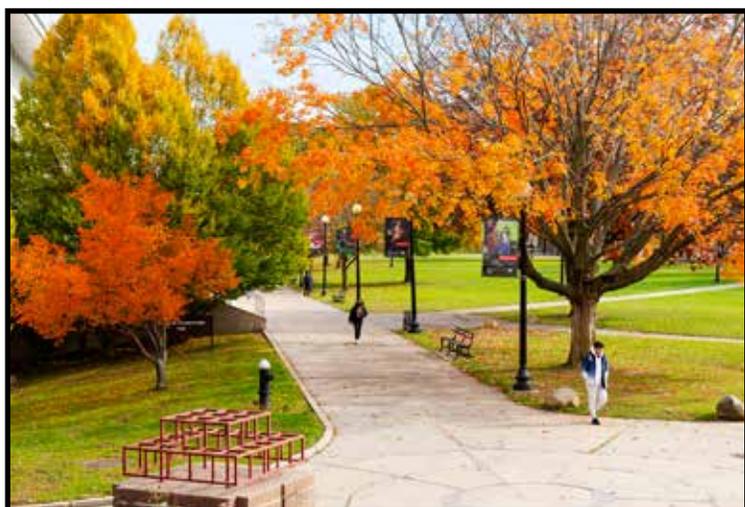
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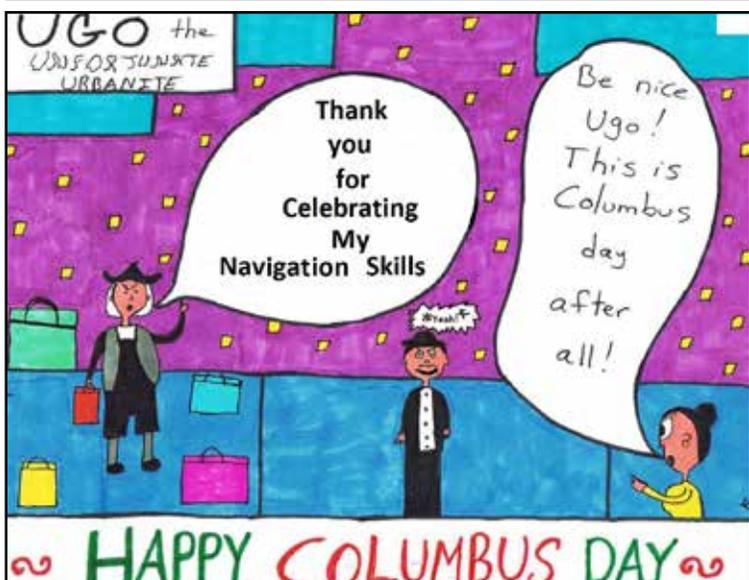
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### Queens College Marks 85th Year With New Faculty, Degree Programs, And Increased Financial Support



In a celebratory return to campus that marks its 85th anniversary year, Queens College has announced the appointment of 27 new tenure-track faculty, 21 new lecturers, and five administrators of student services. In addition, it has introduced many new courses and degree options. Due to an unprecedented

expansion of New York State's Part-time Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in the 2022-23 budget proposed by the governor and approved by the State Legislature, Queens College is also launching an ambitious effort to help its part-time students secure much-needed grants. Photo by Andy Poon.



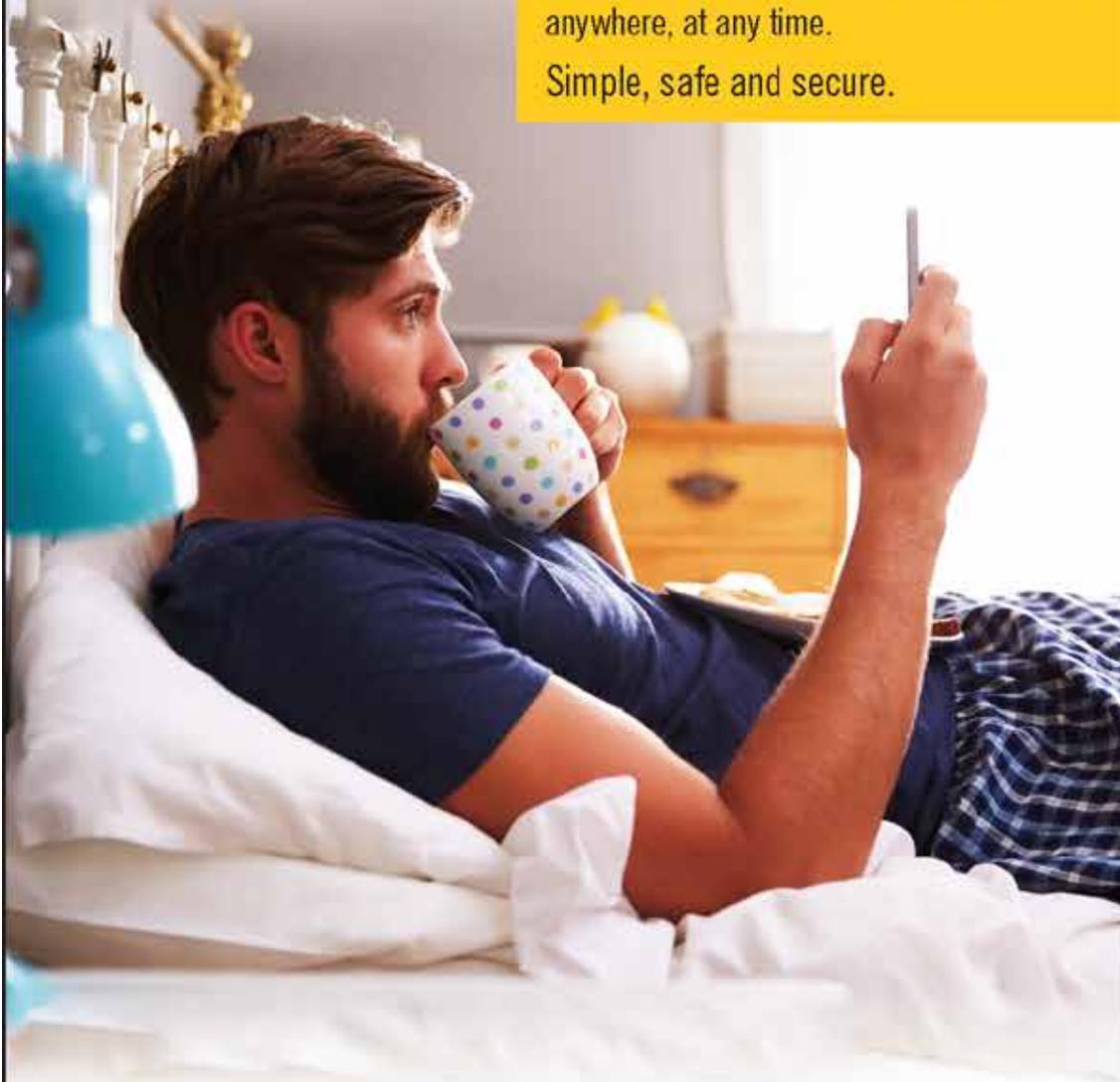
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