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Pilot Study Could Make It Easier for Customers to Participate in Managed EV Charging Programs, Including SmartCharge New York

Con Edison and GM Energy, General Motors' new energy management business unit, are collaborating on a pilot study to test the ability of electric vehicle (EV) chargers and other customer-owned equipment to record energy usage so the information can be used to measure charging activity and behavior.

This Con Edison-GM pilot opens another chapter in the growing collaboration between energy utilities and manufacturers of electric vehicles.

The pilot study will evaluate the ability of EV chargers and other equipment to distinguish between electricity used to charge a vehicle and power that's used simultaneously for other purposes by the same customer – an emerging technology known as load disaggregation.

By building confidence in the reliability of load disaggregation and other energy-measurement technologies, the study will help make it easier for customers to participate in incentive programs that encourage off-peak EV charging, including Con Edison's SmartCharge New York program.

"Energy utilities and EV manufacturers are cooperating in ways and at scale never before seen, and the result will be EV

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I AM PAC Endorsed NYS Governor Kathy Hochul



Italian American PAC (I AM PAC) endorsed NYS Governor Kathy Hochul for Governor of the State of NY. The I AM PAC endorsement was presented to Gov. Hochul on Columbus Day by James Lisa, I AM PAC President; Robert Fonti, I AM PAC Vice President and Dr. Joseph Scelsa, I AM PAC Board Member.

Braunstein, Liu Announce \$2.2 Million In Funding For Bay Terrace Library



Assembly Member Ed Braunstein (Pictured above left) and Senator John Liu (Pictured above right) announced a capital award of \$2.2 million from the New York State Education Department/New York State Library for the renovation of the Bay Terrace Library. The funding will go toward the complete renovation of the interior, restoring the exterior masonry, and installing a new roof and HVAC system. The Bay Terrace allocation comes from a \$34

million capital fund appropriation passed in the FY2021-2022 State Budget.

Located at 18-36 Bell Boulevard, the Bay Terrace Library is currently in the construction phase for a \$5.7 million renovation and modernization project. The \$2.2 million allocation supplements city funding that includes improvements to the exterior garden, updated furniture and technology,

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I AM PAC Endorses Robert Zimmerman For Congress



The Italian American PAC (I AM PAC) endorsed Robert Zimmerman for Congress in the 3 CD. With Congressional Candidate Robert Zimmerman at the Huntington Columbus Day Parade is (l to r) Robert Fonti, I AM PAC Vice President; Robert Zimmerman Candidate 3CD; Joseph Morante, I AM PAC Board Member and James C. Lisa, Sr., I AM PAC President.

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ownership that is more convenient, more affordable and frankly more fun," said Vicki Kuo, Con Edison's senior vice president for customer energy solutions. "This collaboration with GM could help open our SmartCharge New York program to a wider range of customer-owned EV charging stations, driving consumer choice and satisfaction in this rapidly developing market."

As EV adoption grows, managed charging programs such as SmartCharge New York will help reduce strain on the electric grid, lower the need for infrastructure upgrades, and bolster the use and value of renewable energy.

"As GM continues on its journey to an all-electric future, our collaboration with utilities such as Con Edison will play a pivotal role in accelerating new offerings and capabilities to market," says Travis Hester, GM vice president

of EV growth operations. "Together, we are excited to explore the benefits of providing greater energy management solutions for our customers."

Managed charging programs reward customers for charging their vehicles at times of lower electric demand. However, such incentive programs rely on a utility's ability to determine how much energy is used to charge an EV versus other

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QBP Richards Announces \$2 Million in Free Mental Health Services For Queens

Partnership with BetterHelp to Support 10 CBOs and Their Networks

Recognizing the many inter-sectional crises facing Queens and their impacts on the wellness of our families, Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. announced today a groundbreaking \$2 million partnership with therapy platform BetterHelp to bring free mental health services to Queens residents.

Announced at Elmcour Youth & Adult Activities' Corona headquarters one day after World Mental Health Day on October 10, the partnership with BetterHelp — the nation's leading virtual mental health therapy provider — will see up to \$2 million worth of the organization's services split among 10 different community-based organizations from across Queens.

Each CBO will receive \$175,000 worth of services to make available across their networks, with the remaining \$250,000 being distributed to constituents at the discretion of the Queens Borough President's Office.

"The past few years have been extremely difficult for all of us in Queens, as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the crises around housing, an economic downturn, food insecurity, racial injustice and more. To all those struggling, you don't have to struggle alone," said Borough President RICHARDS. "Now, more than ever, we need to support one another. I couldn't be prouder to partner with BetterHelp to bring its expertise and badly-needed therapy services to Queens and the CBOs who uplift so many families

every day."

"We're incredibly honored to partner with Queens Borough President Donovan Richards to make mental health services more accessible to Queens residents and the community-based organizations that support them," said BetterHelp President and Founder ALON MATAS. "Our mission is to make therapy accessible to all, and this partnership is a big step in that direction for the Queens community."

The CBOs — serving a wide array of geographic, demographic and professional communities, including those who have been historically overlooked — that will be recipients of free mental services courtesy of BetterHelp include:

- Elmcour Youth & Adult Activities in Corona
- Forest Hills Jewish Center in Forest Hills
- Glow Community Center in Flushing
- Jackson Heights Bangladeshi Business Association in Jackson Heights
- LIFE Camp, Inc. in Jamaica
- Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation in Far Rockaway
- Sunnyside Community Services in Sunnyside
- United Federation of Teachers
- Urban Resource Institute
- Urban Upbound in Long Island City

This announcement comes just two weeks after Borough President Richards hosted his inaugural Queens Wellness Day in Flushing, which saw hundreds of community members participate in meditation and healing sessions, as well as a

comprehensive health resource expo.

The partnership with BetterHelp to support the mental wellness of Queens families also supplements more than \$18.6 million in funding Borough President Richards has allocated across Queens' health care facilities over the course of his first term.

"We are so pleased to have been chosen to participate in this initiative," said Sunnyside Community Services Executive Director JUDY ZANGWILL. "COVID-19 has profoundly affected the mental health wellness of the people in our communities, and we applaud Borough President Richards for taking this important step toward addressing the issue."

"When we think about our communities, in particular low-moderate income communities that have traditionally shied away from health and wellness needs due to the misperception that you are weak, when in fact you are strong because the first step is often the hardest step when recognizing you need help," said Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation President and CEO KEVIN ALEXANDER. "Time and time again we have seen when there is a crisis, we collectively downplay the need of mental health and wellness services, and that is why we are excited about the opportunity Queens Borough President Donovan Richards is initiating through a partnership with BetterHelp is offering to communities across Queens. RDRC will continue to use critically needed tools such as this initiative to improve the quality of life for all Queens residents."

Assemblyman Colton Endorsed by The Italian American Pac (I AM PAC) And by The Asian Wave Alliance

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is proud to say that he was endorsed by the Italian American Pac (I AM PAC) and by the Asian Wave Alliance.

"Both organizations stand solidly in support of funding the police, and for public safety. They are also in favor of merit-based school selections. They are also standing up against hate crimes and Asian and anti-Italian or anti-discrimination against any ethnicity. I am proud to accept both of their endorsements," Colton stated.

"I am also proud to be endorsed by former Council Member Mark Treyger, former State Senator and past President of the NYC Board

of Education Seymour Lachman, Council Member Kalman Yeger, 47th Assembly District Leaders Nancy Tong, Charles Ragusa, past Council candidate Dong Hui Zang, the New York League of Conservation Voters, New York City Resident Alliance, Place NYC, Humane Society Legislative Fund, AAGG, AFL-CIO, NYSUT, Public Employees Federation (PEF), and many others," Colton continued.

"I WILL BE FOUND ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE BALLOT AT THE BOTTOM OF COLUMN A (Democratic Line). I humbly ask for your VOTE on NOVEMBER 8, not based on any party cheap talk or promises but based on my track record of what I have done

over the past years, as shown in my Facebook posts and photos. EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT! When there is a low number of votes extremist candidates can win with a small number of votes. We already saw that in the election for Mayor in 2013 when only some 20% of voters voted and Mayor Bill DeBlasio won for Mayor. If you need to apply for an absentee ballot or if you live in the 47 Assembly District and you need to know where your polling place is, email me at williamc8@verizon.net and I will have an application and your polling place mailed to you. Early Voting Days start on October 29 and through November 6. Election Day is from 6 am to 9 pm on November 8," Colton added.

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Statement From Speaker Adams on Mayor's State of Emergency Declaration and Comments on Asylum Seeker, Shelter Crisis

"The Council understands the gravity of the crisis facing New York City and those seeking asylum, and that there are no easy solutions. That is why we sought to offer alternatives for Mayor Adams' Administration to consider for locating the Humanitarian Emergency Relief and Recovery Center (HERRC) and changes the City could make immediately on its own to end counterproductive homeless policies that are contributing to this crisis. The Administration has insisted HERRCs are not shelters, because they do not comply with the right-to-shelter law. We initially identified 10 large-scale hotels that appeared to be closed that the City could consider for the purposes of intake and relief services, not operate as temporary shelters, consistent with the Administration's description of a HERRC. Given their capacity, these alternative indoor locations potentially have large enough open spaces to accommodate such an operation to serve 500 people. The Council's identification of these hotels was conducted through use of our limited staff resources and largely publicly available data, which we know is dwarfed by the dozens of agencies and offices and hundreds of thousands of employees within the control of a mayoral administration.

"We again encourage the Administration to consider these locations as more humane indoor settings for humanitarian relief in New York City. We also urge them to immediately change the counterproductive homeless system policies that are exacerbating this crisis and are completely within their control, such as the 90-days in-shelter requirement for CityFHEPS rental vouchers. Our purpose for identifying an even larger set of closed hotels was to highlight a trend and broad landscape of buildings po-

tentially available to the City for supportive housing conversion to relieve another of the stresses on our shelter system – the lack of permanent affordable housing.

"At the same time, we reject the Mayor's argument that the Council has been unhelpful during this crisis. This Administration has placed several emergency shelters to house asylum seekers within my own district during this crisis with little notice, and I have welcomed them. Many Council members are on the ground in their districts witnessing the gaps that these new residents are facing in receiving help and services from the City. They are working with non-profit organizations to bridge the gaps by delivering food, supporting their schools, and addressing other challenges.

"We agree with the Mayor that our state and federal government partners need to work with us to provide greater support. Yet, there also needs to be more honesty about the conditions and challenges with the City's support for homeless New Yorkers and asylum seekers. It is a disservice to gloss over problems with the City's response because it only undermines our ability to address challenges and improve services. We continue to remain willing to collaborate with the Administration to address this crisis, and are closely reviewing the Mayor's executive order."

BACKGROUND: - The following hotels in Manhattan appear to be closed and temporarily available for the administration to administer intake and relief services, consistent with its proposed HERRC model:

- Doubletree by Hilton Metropolitan (764 rooms)
- Maxwell New York City (697 rooms)
- NYC ESH Lexington (646 rooms)
- Watson Hotel (597 rooms)
- Hilton Hotel & Resort Times

Square (478 rooms)

- Hotel Wolcott (178 rooms)
- Cassa Hotel New York (165 rooms)
- Hotel Plaza Athenee (143 rooms)
- Gregory Hotel New York (132 rooms)
- Hotel Stanford (122 rooms)

Homeless services policy changes that the Council demanded the City to immediately pursue within its own control:

- Eliminating the rule that requires people to remain in the shelter system for 90 days before becoming eligible for the CityFHEPS rental voucher program;
- Reducing the number of homeless families with children who are needlessly shuffled between conditional shelter placements by removing administrative barriers and advocating for the State to reevaluate verification requirements (families can be repeatedly required to return to the PATH Intake Center to reapply and be placed, promoting instability and unnecessarily extending the timeframe to access supports transitioning out of the shelter system);
- Resolving bureaucratic errors and inefficiencies in the application process for CityFHEPS and supportive housing that block people from accessing the opportunities to transition from the shelter system;
- Prioritizing hiring of Department of Social Services (DSS) staff who help process CityFHEPS applications and supportive housing placements, to both reduce backlogs that currently occur and prepare for an increase in applications;
- Tackling source-of-income discrimination that blocks people with rental vouchers from securing apartments by ensuring adequate staffing and operational capacity of the Source of Income Unit at the Commission on Human Rights.

Statement from Speaker Adrienne Adams on the New York City Districting Commission's Vote to Approve Revised City Council District Maps

"We appreciate the work of the NYC Districting Commission and look forward to reviewing its official maps. The public engaged in the redistricting process at record levels over the last several months at public hearings across the city, which is an encouraging indication

of New York City's healthy civic engagement. This public outpouring of input and testimony about safeguarding protections for historically marginalized communities of color and communities of interest, as mandated by the Voting Rights Act and New York City Charter,

appear to have been taken seriously by the Commission in its revisions. The Council will review and discuss these new district maps, along with our next steps. I thank the Commission and its members for their work, as well as all New Yorkers who have so far engaged in this process."

Gillibrand Statement on New York City's State of Emergency Due to Migrant Buses Coming From Out-of-State

"New York City has a long history and proud tradition of welcoming immigrant families from around the globe, who have thrived, becoming important pillars of the local economy and culture.

cation is incredibly important in ensuring we direct the needed resources to accommodate families coming to New York, something that is lacking from elected officials using immigrants seeking asylum as political props.

I can, including securing more federal funds for New York City and other impacted cities, reforming the immigration court system to function much more efficiently, and continuing to advocate for much needed comprehensive immigration reform."



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a new teen area and multipurpose community room with audiovisual equipment, and a new ADA compliant ramp.

Assembly Member Braunstein stated, "Queens Public Libraries serve as the beating heart of our local communities, offering families a wide variety of programs, resources and services that enrich their daily lives. The state-of-the-art improvements underway at the Bay Terrace Library will provide a modernized space with upgraded technology to be enjoyed by local families for years to come. I thank my partners in government who helped make the project a reality and I look forward to celebrating the library's grand re-opening."

Senator Liu stated, "Our neighborhood libraries offer so much more than just simple book lending. They are cornerstones of our community where residents

can take courses, use computers, learn a new language, or attend a community meeting. The Bay Terrace Library has long stood as a centerpiece of northeast Queens, dutifully serving New Yorkers here and beyond with a range of programs and services. Funding this renovation will put a 21st century face on this esteemed institution that will allow it to serve our community for generations to come."

Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott stated, "Senator John Liu and Assembly Member Ed Braunstein have demonstrated time and again their strong support for our libraries in their district and beyond. I am grateful for their advocacy for funding to transform the Bay Terrace branch into a modern and welcoming place that helps inspire people to find success in their lives through our free resources and services."

Attorney General James Takes Action to Maintain Concealed Carry Gun Laws And Protect New Yorkers

New York Attorney General Letitia James today took action to maintain the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) and protect New Yorkers after a federal judge last week granted a temporary restraining order in *Antonyuk v. Hochul*:

"Today my office filed a motion to keep the entire Concealed Carry Improvement Act in effect and continue to protect communities as the appeals process moves forward. This common-sense gun control legislation is critical in our state's effort to reduce gun violence. We will continue to fight for the safety of everyday New Yorkers."

The CCIA was passed during an extraordinary session of the Legislature and enacted earlier this summer in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. The law strengthens requirements for concealed carry permits, prohibits guns in sensitive places, requires individuals with concealed carry permits to request a property owner's consent to carry on their premises, enhances safe storage requirements, requires social media review ahead of certain gun purchases, and requires background checks on all ammunition purchases.

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electrical appliances in simultaneous use at the same property. The incentives awarded in managed charging programs must only apply toward energy used to charge vehicles.

In addition to load disaggregation and EV charging stations, the pilot study will assess equipment including on-board vehicle telematics, smart electrical panels, and smart load-level controllers such as outlets and power strips. These technologies will be evaluated on the accuracy of their data, the speed and reliability of their communications with the utility, and their installed cost so they can also be considered in enabling customers to better manage their EV charging use.

The study is targeted to begin at Con Edison's Learning Center in New York City in early 2023 before potentially moving into field testing with real customers.

Electric vehicles are a central pillar of New York's plan to decarbonize its economy by 2050. Customer-friendly managed EV charging programs will help the

state reach its ambitious goals for deploying clean energy resources and fighting climate change.

Every EV that replaces a fossil-fuel-powered vehicle on the road means cleaner air and less tailpipe pollution feeding climate change. New York's rapidly growing fleet of EVs will be increasingly powered by renewable energy as the state continues to build out its solar and wind resources.

Approximately 8,500 vehicles are currently enrolled in Con Edison's SmartCharge New York incentive program.

In addition to encouraging managed charging, Con Edison plans to support the installation of 400,000 EV chargers by 2035, the year when New York intends to end the sale of new light-duty internal combustion engine vehicles, and 1 million chargers by 2050.

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Attorney General James Stops Efforts to Dismantle The U.S. Postal Service

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement after Judge Emmet G. Sullivan of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision permanently stopping Postmaster General Louis DeJoy from taking certain measures that would degrade mail service and further undermine the United States Postal Service (USPS).

"After he assumed leadership in June 2020, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy pushed through drastic changes to the U.S. Postal Service's operations that slowed mail operations nationwide, harmed everyday Americans, and made a mockery of the right to vote. No one can act with impunity, and today the rule of law prevailed. My office will continue to defend New Yorkers — and Americans — against actions that slow essential services

and threaten the integrity of our democracy."

In August 2020, Attorney General James led the attorneys general of Hawaii and New Jersey, as well as the city of New York and the city and county of San Francisco in filing a lawsuit to stop the Trump Administration's attempts to dismantle USPS. The lawsuit argued that significant changes to USPS operations under DeJoy's leadership substantially impacted USPS mail service in New York and nationwide and posed a threat to the integrity of the November 2020 presidential election. Shortly after the lawsuit was filed, the court granted a preliminary injunction which immediately halted the Trump Administration's attempts to disrupt USPS operations.

This matter was handled by former Assistant Attorney General Daniela Nogueira, former Special

Counsel Morenike Fajana, former Senior Counsel Joseph Warden-ski, and former Chief Counsel for Federal Initiatives Matthew Colangelo — all of the Executive Division; Assistant Attorney General Lindsay McKenzie and former Deputy Bureau Chief Elena Goldstein — both of the Civil Rights Bureau; Senior Counsel Michael Myers and Assistant Attorneys General Joshua Tallent and Laura Mirman-Heslin — all of the Environmental Protection Bureau; and Special Counsel Eric Haren of the Division for Appeals and Opinions. The Civil Rights Bureau and the Environmental Protection Bureau are part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux. Both the Executive Division and the Division for Social Justice are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

CM Julie Won Statement on Second Draft of Maps

"Our district had the highest turnout in the city for public comment after the release of the first draft of the maps. Our neighbors delivered powerful testimonies, many of them staying past midnight to make their voices heard. Upon hearing our outcry, many of the concerns have been addressed by the Redistricting Commission's second draft of maps.

The second draft gets rid of the oddly shaped crossover District 26 and leaves Woodside's immigrant communities more intact. It keeps Ravenswood, Queensbridge, and Woodside Houses

together, giving our NYCHA residents the opportunity to push for greater resources for public housing. It keeps Blissville, a small neighborhood with many environmental concerns and shelter residents, with its natural neighbors in Long Island City and Sunnyside.

I am disappointed to see our Tibetan Community Center has been politically separated from the many Tibetans living in Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, and parts of Astoria. The Tibetan American community has been geopolitically perse-

cutted and has been part of District 26 since the 90s when they first sought asylum here as refugee seekers. Our Tibetan community should not be severed from the largest Tibetan community center and gathering place in the country.

Ultimately, the decision on the maps will be finalized in February by the Redistricting Commission who will have the final vote. We hope that all the concerns of our community will be addressed, but as a district that has to lose up to 11,000 residents, I understand that the process will be difficult."

Elected Officials Send a Comprehensive Policy Proposal to House Newly Arrived Asylum Seekers to Mayor and Urge Administration to Reconsider Randall's Island

Recently, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, State Senators Jessica Ramos and Gustavo Rivera, and Councilmember Shahana Hanif delivered a letter to Mayor Eric Adams that called on his administration to move away from the Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) model for asylum seekers and consider indoor, temporary shelter options instead. The letter is in direct response to the Mayor's plans that are already underway to relocate approximately 500 asylum seekers from the tent encampments on Orchard Beach to a new site on Randall's Island.

In their co-authored letter, the elected officials outlined a series of policy proposals that serve as an alternative to the HERRC model. These proposals ensure

asylum seekers have access to vital resources, can stay in safe, indoor temporary shelter, and have a path to obtaining permanent housing. More specifically, the letter calls on the Mayor and his administration to do the following:

- Utilize closed union hotel rooms for temporary shelter as soon as possible;
- Consider using the Jacob Javits Center as a welcome center and resource hub. Javits is in close proximity to the Port Authority, where many asylum seekers will continue to arrive, and is well-equipped to serve all of the aforementioned functions;
- Ensure asylum seekers have the information they need to enter the shelter system and are aware of their right to shelter.
- Decrease the average length of

shelter stays, which has ballooned in recent years due to unnecessary barriers to permanent housing placement, to free up more beds for new arrivals;

- Expand CityFHEPS eligibility to asylum seekers and other non-citizens to take pressure off the shelter system and move people into more stable housing;
- Increase staffing capacity at the NYC Commission on Human Rights and the Department of Social Services to allow the City to move through the backlog of CityFHEPS and Section 8 discrimination cases and free up space in the shelter system; and
- Require every shelter setup to adhere to Right-To-Shelter mandates and designate the Department of Homeless Services to manage any new shelters and ensure compliance.

Queens Businesses Express Concerns Over Cost of Congestion Pricing Plan

Survey conducted by the Queens Chamber of Commerce finds that members are worried that congestion pricing will impact their business

Queens-based businesses are concerned about the impact congestion pricing will have on their

bottom line, according to survey results released today by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the oldest and largest business association serving Queens County. The survey found that over half of the respondents (54 percent) were concerned about losing customers as a result of

congestion pricing.

"The results of this survey reflect the concerns small businesses have shared with us over the MTA's plans to implement congestion pricing. There is legitimate concern that this plan

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Systems Manager From Queens Wins Con Edison's Highest Honor



Alecia Copeland-Barrett Earns Award for Operational Excellence and Focus on Worker Safety

A Con Edison systems manager from Queens has won the company's highest honor for her relentless focus on customer service and operational excellence, as well as her dedication to strengthening New York City's communities.

Alecia Copeland-Barrett, a systems manager in the Work Management Solutions Design Engineering group, is a winner of the Living Our Values Award, given to high-achieving employees who demonstrate extraordinary character and skills on and off the job.

"In a company as big and complex as Con Edison, the opportunity to update and improve systems and processes never ends," said Copeland-Barrett. "It's a joy working to find ways to help our company's workers do their jobs as productively and safely as possible, and I'm honored to receive this award."

"Alecia's attitude is that every problem has a solution, and any desired result is achievable," said Denise Reid, Director, IT Work Management Solutions. "Even small improvements in our operations can meaningfully influence the lives of our workers and customers. Above all else, Alecia wants to see Con Edison's women and men return home safely to their families each day, and her work has made a lasting impact in this area."

New York Hall of Science to Reopen to Visitors on Saturday October 15th

City's Leading STEM Education Facility Underwent Year-Long Damage Repair from Hurricane Ida Flooding

NASA Astronaut and Scientist Dr. Jeanette Epps will join museum and community leaders for reopening

The New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) will welcome back families in their official re-opening SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 10 AM. Museum and community leaders will be joined by New York native, NASA Astronaut and Scientist Dr. Jeanette Epps — an inspiration to children across New York and the country — to open the museum.

The re-opening comes nearly a year after Hurricane Ida damaged significant portions of the museum

Copeland-Barrett began her career with Con Edison in 2005 as an analyst in Gas Operations. In those 17 years, she has managed numerous large, complex projects that streamlined business processes, reduced costs for the company and its ratepayers, and improved safety.

Through it all, Copeland-Barrett impresses her colleagues with her can-do attitude and focus on going the extra mile.

Last year Copeland-Barrett completed a multi-year project to update a mainframe system used to track information on all telecommunications devices Con Edison uses. Previously, she was on a review team that analyzed employee injuries and produced training materials to prevent future injuries.

Beyond her day-to-day job at the company, Copeland-Barrett is a member of the IT group's local Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council. She continually demonstrates her commitment to making sure that all team members have a seat at the table and know their ideas are valued.

Outside of work, Barrett-Copeland participates in a wide range of volunteer activities across New York City. Those activities include working with young women living in shelters in Brooklyn, and mentoring college-bound students in the Bronx and Harlem.

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and caused portions of it to be closed to the general public.

As part of the re-opening, NYSCI will feature a series of new, interactive exhibits, including:

- Powering the City: The exhibit, supported by National Grid and Con Edison, invites visitors, through a series of engaging and entertaining hands-on experiences, to discover how energy transforms and works to power our lives.
- Human Plus: Using real-life stories, this exhibition explores the ways in which different kinds of technologies can be used to supplement and enhance human abilities.

In addition, NYSCI's 3-D theater will be screening *Wings Over Water and Dinosaurs of Antarctica*. *Wings Over Water* shares the epic journeys of three bird families in

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 Be aware of deception when it comes to your work associates. Don't say too much to colleagues. Your investing talent will prove to be lucrative. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,9.

TAURUS
 (Apr 21 - May 21)
 Romance will be in your favor this week. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,1.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Avoid over spending this week. Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who you admire. Check your investments. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,4.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Take that long needed vacation with your mate. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,2.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 You can make a very rewarding profit if you deal with the right individuals. It's time to reevaluate your investments. Romance appears good. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,9.

VIRGO
 (Aug 23 - Sept 23)
 Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are evident. You can make money but not through hare-brained schemes or gambling. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

LIBRA
 (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
 Control your emotions and things will flow smoother. Secret affairs may only cause complications in your life. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,5.

SCORPIO
 (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
 Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Your mate could get on your nerves. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,3.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
 Don't confront employers or present your ideas this week. You can make changes to your home that will please all the family members. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,5.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
 You can easily impress others with your generous nature. Make changes to your living quarters that will please other members of your family. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,1.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
 You can get the attention of individuals but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. Your emotional stability may influence others. Your lucky numbers are 2,6,9.

PISCES
 (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
 Try to expand your circle of friends by getting involved in unusual activities. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

Did You Know?

- Warthogs can reach speeds of 48km/h (29mph)
- Warthogs live for 15 years
- When baby polar bear cubs are born they cannot see or hear for their first month
- 2 out of 5 people marry their first love
- 30% of people refuse to sit on a public toilet seats
- 45% of people use mouthwash everyday
- Less than 20% of shark attacks are fatal
- People in Iceland read more books per capita than any other country
- The average shower temperature is 38C (101F)
- Raindrops are not tear shaped (they more resemble the shape of a tiny hamburger bun)
- The algae found in the world's oceans produces nearly 50% of the world's oxygen
- The game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920
- There are 2,598,960 possible hands in a 5 card poker game
- Nintendo first produced playing cards
- The word denim comes from 'de Nimes' or from Nimes which is a town in France
- There are over 600 windows on the Empire State Building
- Chameleons can move their eyes in two directions at the same time

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- Whale
 - "Smallest" particle
 - Review
 - Cry
 - Of higher order
 - Deadly virus
 - Start and end of a line
 - Pertaining to the sun
 - Water vapor
 - Comes down
 - In a generous manner
 - Metal refinery
 - Goopy stuff
 - C
 - Plushy
 - Grassland
 - Side of a room
 - Portent
 - Fruit of the oak tree
 - Footnote note
 - Twinge
 - Tank
 - Upper legislative chamber
 - Estimated (abbrev.)
 - What we breathe
 - Street vendor
 - Armor-plated warship
 - Improperly conducted trial
 - Pondered
 - Brusque
 - Grossness
 - Illicit sexual relationship
 - Dwarf buffalo
 - Chimney channel
 - Cash
 - Rules and regulations
 - Slipped
- DOWN**
- Is indebted to
 - Let out
 - Yield
 - Horrifying
 - French for "Friend"
 - Affectionate
 - Aquatic mammal
 - Masseur
 - Scalp, as a concert ticket
 - Black
 - Not warm
 - "Oh dear!"
 - Norm
 - Leaves out
 - Purified
 - Conduct
 - Hillside
 - Mothers
 - Occurrence
 - Secret group
 - Gentry
 - Patriarch
 - Fate
 - Surfs with a sail
 - Traveling amusement show
 - Swelling
 - Blood vessel
 - Cushion
 - Put out
 - A Finnish steam bath
 - Office message
 - Metal used in steel
 - Threshold
 - Decorative case
 - Not the original color
 - Flat hat
 - Petrol

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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

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"Try And Find"

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TRY AND FIND

SMALL POTATOES

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Itsy-Bitsy	Minor-League	Petty	Tiny
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Measly	Paltry	Rinky-Dink	Trivial

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Meng, Schulman And Chief Climate Officer Dep Commissioner Visit Flooding Sites in Forest Hills

Lawmakers and commissioner discuss strategies and efforts to combat the problem

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) and Councilwoman Lynn Schulman (D-Queens) recently joined New York City's Chief Climate Officer and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala in Forest Hills to visit areas impacted by recent flooding after the lawmakers requested that he and his agency help combat the problem in Queens.

Last year, the borough was devastated by the remnants of Hurricane Ida which caused unprecedented flooding and damage, and local residents endured more floods last month when heavy rainfall hit New York.

During the visit, Meng, Schulman and Aggarwala discussed the problem of flooding in the area. They also discussed potential strategies and solutions including the two legislators calling for the city to look into implementing a voluntary buyout program for homes that are at risk of severe flooding during storms, a request Meng made last month to Mayor Adams which was echoed by Schulman.

They also toured and surveyed hard hit and vulnerable locations including the Fairview apartment building at 61-20 Grand Central Parkway, Kessel Street and Sel-



fridge Street and several parts of Yellowstone Boulevard.

"The lives of so many constituents were turned upside down by the unprecedented flooding and extensive damage from Ida with several Queens residents losing their lives in the storm," said Meng and Schulman. "Many local homeowners also sustained damage during recent flooding that impacted our borough. Combatting this problem must be a top priority for our city. The threat of future floods will continue, which is why we are again calling for immediate action. We thank Commissioner Aggarwala for meeting and surveying susceptible spots with us, and look forward to

working with him to address this urgent issue."

Meng also joined Councilwoman Sandra Ung (D-Queens) and DEP officials Thursday night in Flushing for a town hall meeting about the problem where she renewed her call for the city and state to use money from the federal infrastructure bill – signed into law late last year – to upgrade sewers and catch basins in Queens. In addition, Meng highlighted the importance of her House-passed legislation that would authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to spend up to nearly \$120 million to work with the City of New York in upgrading environmental infrastructure in the borough.

Public Safety Town Hall at Queens North



Recently, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined the Mayor and NYPD Patrol Borough Queens North for a Public Safety Community Discussion in Forest Hills to discuss the strategies we are undertaking in response to crime. QDA Katz thanked all the residents who came out and

expressed their concerns.

Katz further said "Ensuring public safety is of the outmost importance to my administration, and it is a mission that is shared by Mayor Eric Adams, the NYPD, and local leaders that represent the great borough of Queens."

NYC Mayor Adams Recognizes The Petrosino Association



NYC Mayor Eric Adams held an Italia Heritage Reception at Gracie Mansion where he presented a proclamation to the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America and to the Joe Petrosino International Association, Padula, Italy. Mayor Adams is holding the Proclamation with members from both organizations that were extremely honored to

receive such a prestigious award. Pictured with the Mayor are members and Officers of both organizations (l to r) are Joseph Petrosino, Esq.; Vincenzo Pettrizzo; James C Lisa; Vincenzo Lamanna; Robert Fonti; Mayor Adams; Pasquale Chirichella; Nino Melito Petrosino; Paulo Colombo, Peggy Petrosino; and Salvatore 'Sal' J. Stile II

Speaker Adams, Civic Leaders, And School Community Celebrate Renaming of PS 48Q as The David N. Dinkins School for Community Service

Speaker Adrienne Adams joined school community leaders, local elected officials, parents, and students to celebrate the official renaming of PS 48Q as The David N. Dinkins School for Community Service. In 2021, the New York City Department of Education approved the renaming of PS 48Q after former Mayor Dinkins, the first African American Mayor of New York City. Led by Patricia Mitchell, who served as Principal of PS 48Q for 14 years, a group of school leaders, teachers, and parents agreed to honor Mayor Dinkins and his lifelong legacy of public service.



The stated vision of The David N. Dinkins School for Community Service is to "build leaders who are well-rounded and apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to solve community issues, leading scholars to become change agents in our ever-evolving global society." By renaming the school in honor of former Mayor David N. Dinkins, the school community and students will strive to exemplify the legacy set by its namesake.

"Mayor David N. Dinkins was a trailblazing, inspirational, and honorable leader in our city whose commitment to a more just and equitable world never wavered," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "He devoted his life to public service and improving the communities that make up the "Gorgeous Mosaic" that is New York City. By renaming PS 48Q in his honor, our community is uplifting Mayor

Dinkins' legacy and ensuring that the next generation of leaders will be inspired to serve their communities. I am grateful for the leadership of District 28 Superintendent Dr. Tammy Pate, Principal Joan Stanley-Duvernay, CEC 28 President Vijah Ramjattan, and former Principal Patricia Mitchell, whose vision and dedication made this historic day possible."

"Mayor David Dinkins was the kind of dedicated leader whose commitment to service will continue to inspire generations to come," said Schools Chancellor David C. Banks. "His recognition of our great city as a 'gorgeous mosaic' is the lens through which we all ought to view the beauty of our differences, and use it as a catalyst for growth in our communities. It is an honor to help solidify his legacy within our great school system."

"We are so proud to celebrate the life and leadership of Mayor David N. Dinkins," said Dr. Tammy Pate, Superintendent of Community School District 28. "It is incredibly important for all institutions, and especially educational institutions, to hold the history and legacy of leaders who, through work and advocacy, seek to improve the lives of all people. How great an added gift that his work has the opportunity to also fan the flame of public service in our scholars. The David N. Dinkins School for Community Service will uphold Mayor Dinkins' legacy for generations to come."

"Today marks new beginnings for PS 48Q," said Joan Stanley-Duvernay, Principal of PS 48Q. "The school now named The David N. Dinkins School for

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CM Julie Won, Elected Officials & Local Leaders Call on NYCHA to Fix Woodside Houses Heating Plant

On Tuesday, October 5th, Council Member Julie Won held an emergency press conference with Senator Jessica Ramos, Senator Michael Gianaris, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Woodside Houses Tenants Association President Ann Cotton Morris, SCS Cornerstone Program Director Diane Adlam, and residents, calling on the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to permanently fix Woodside Houses' damaged heating plant. Since August 2021, residents at NYCHA Woodside Houses have been living without regular heat and hot water after Hurricane Ida flooded the main building where the heating plant was stored. Additionally, NYCHA promised to repair the heating plant by April 2022, but that promise has not been kept. NYCHA provided temporary mobile boiler units during the winter, but residents complained that they lost heat at least 11 times and were left without hot water at least 21 times. On Tuesday, October 4th, Woodside Houses residents experienced the latest heat and hot water outage of the mobile boiler units, but NYCHA resolved the issue.



Woodside Houses residents are now facing another brutal winter without heat and hot water. We demand that NYCHA fix the heating plant immediately and provide a timeline for when the repairs will be finished."

"I wish we could say these heating issues at Woodside Houses stemmed from Hurricane Ida, but the reality is the tenants here have been dealing with this for as long as I can remember. As a child in the neighborhood, I would have to wear a coat indoors during my playdates with friends who lived here. Every other landlord in the city is held to the expectation that they maintain humane and dignified heating standards, why should NYCHA be an exception? This is a naturally occurring retirement community - a failure to provide heat and hot water is

a matter of the health and safety of our elders. The state secured \$350 million in the last budget for NYCHA repairs, we demand that the City and NYCHA do their part and treat them with the respect they deserve," said State Senator Jessica Ramos.

"Months-long utility outages are unacceptable for any New Yorker, whether in private or public housing. NYCHA residents should not be expected to pay full rent, which typically includes utilities, when they are not receiving service. My NYCHA Utility Accountability Act would ensure we treat all our neighbors with respect and create financial urgency for NYCHA to make needed repairs faster. Let's get this done and deliver what Woodside Houses residents de-

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Queens Theatre Hosts an Eye-Opening Version of 'The Three Musketeers'



Written by Alexandre Dumas in 1844, The Three Musketeers is a swashbuckling novel about d'Artagnan, who befriends France's best swordsmen — Athos, Porthos, and Aramis — on their way to heroism, chivalry, and some incredible fights. The tale — which is set in the 17th century when France maintained colonies around the world — is full of adventure, but Dumas weaves in

hints of social criticism.

Go on the adventure and learn about the story's subtleties when The Acting Company presents an eye-opening adaptation of The Three Musketeers at Queens Theatre on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16.

The Acting Company, a Manhattan-based nonprofit that develops emerging actors through its

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Senator Gillibrand Headlines The 86th NAACP NYS Conference Convention in Binghamton

Stands With Hazel Dukes To Address Issues Impacting The African American Community

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a press conference with Hazel Dukes, President of the NAACP New York State Conference, at the 86th NAACP New York State Conference Convention in Binghamton to address issues impacting the African American community. Immediately following the press conference, Gillibrand delivered remarks at the convention.



Senator Gillibrand's remarks as prepared for delivery:

Hello everybody. It's so great to be here for the NAACP New York State Conference's 86th annual convention!

86 years. It's incredible that this community of powerful, courageous, indomitable New Yorkers has been gathering since the 1930s. Can you imagine what it must have been like? To gather as a community at a time when our nation was still segregated and Black folks were treated like less than second class citizens?

But of course our friends like Dr. Hazel Dukes here don't have to imagine it. They lived it.

This past March, Hazel celebrated her 90th birthday.

She was Rosa Parks' neighbor growing up. She witnessed Martin Luther King's greatness during the civil rights movement. She has had a front row seat to history and has seen how far we've come in the fight for equality. But she also sees how much further we still have to go.

Because there are people in this

country today who want to make it harder for Black people to exercise their right to vote. They want to make it harder to get health care, harder to get maternal care, harder to get reproductive care. And they want to make it easier for guns to make their way into our communities and fall into the hands of white supremacists. Into the hands of people who have hatred in their heart.

But we won't allow it. New York won't allow it. The Black community and all its allies won't allow it.

For that reason I have been fighting for years to protect voting rights and am determined to continue the legacy of the late Congressman John Lewis to protect disenfranchised voters and their sacred right to vote. I've worked to address the unacceptable maternal mortality crisis, to protect the right to reproductive health care, and to provide more fund-

ing for our frontline and health care workers. And I was proud to support the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act which included key provisions from my bill to stop gun trafficking.

Because it's time to end injustice. It's time to end oppression. It's time to put a stop to racism. And it's time to vote out the politicians who aren't acting in the best interests of the Black community. And that's why we're here this weekend. To come together in unity and strength.

So thank you all again for joining us for what I know is going to be an incredible weekend. Thank you to all of the speakers, the panelists, musicians, and all of the members of the NAACP New York State Conference who have made this event possible.

And I hope you all will get into some good, necessary trouble these next few days and beyond.

New York City Police Department Community Affairs Bureau 104th Precinct Community Council



Meeting Notice

The Community Council meets once every month. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. We provide community updates and crime stat reports. Everyone helps honor and celebrate our Officers of the Month. Guests are invited to address any concerns with Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Kevin Coleman.



7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Saint Margaret's Parish Hall

66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, NY 11379

Masks optional. For more information, email the Council at Council@104PCC.org

*Please note: Our usual third-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting will take place this month (October) on the third Wednesday, (October 19th).

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(Oct. 14 to Oct. 20)

October is always busy in Queens, but this October (2022) is absolutely insane. The lineup includes time-honored musicians, Pulitzer-winning plays, German house and techno deejays, Shakespeare, multi-block festivals, the re-opening of a landmark, and the man who invented the Xerox machine.

- Oct. 14, The Swinging Sounds of Coleman Hawkins, 8 pm. One of NYC's most notable jazz musicians, Saxophonist Lew Tabackin, pays tribute to tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins by playing an array of music that Hawkins himself played during his tenure with the Fletcher Henderson Orchestra, Benny Goodman, Django Reinhardt, and others. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 14, Romeo & Juliet, 8 pm. The Acting Company presents this eye-opening version of a classic Shakespeare tale about star-crossed lovers with gorgeous costumes and music, enchanting parties, moonlit nights, dank graveyards, and blood-strewn streets. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 14, Rabbit Hole, Oct. 23. City Gate Productions presents this Pulitzer-winning play about Becca and Howie Corbett, who have everything a family could want until their son dies in an accident. They process the pain and go on a bittersweet search for comfort. Showtimes are Oct. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 at 8 pm and Oct. 16 and 23 at 3 pm. The Secret Theatre, 38-02 61st St., Woodside.

- Oct. 14, Three Days of Dance, Oct. 16. The Take Root program presents Chris Ferris & Dancers and JKing Dance Company on Oct. 14 at 15 at 8 pm. Then, the Fertile Ground New Works Showcase provides a venue for various emerging artists to showcase their pieces on Oct. 16 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Ste. 211, Long Island City.

- Oct. 14, Chris Liebong, 10 pm. This German artist is an essential presence in the modern techno landscape. His sets balance a heaving, molten sound with masterful restraint, bringing a coiled intensity to huge stages. Knockdown Center, 52-19 Flushing Ave., Maspeth.

- Oct. 15, Diwali Celebration, 3 pm. Celebrate the Hindu Festival of Lights with song, dance, music, Tassa drumming, face-painting, live shows, incense, and much more. Liberty Avenue between Lefferts Boulevard and 120th Street, Richmond Hill.

- Oct. 15, Civil War Reenactment, 10 am. Enter the camp of Company K of the 67th NY Infantry for a day of Civil War living history during which participants walk in the footsteps of Union soldiers and discover aspects of life in the 1860s. The Castle, 208 Totten Ave., Fort Totten, Bayside.

- Oct. 15, Tree Birthday Celebration, 2 pm. The weeping

beech in Kingsland Homestead's side yard is now 175 years old. Queens Historical Society hosts a birthday party for it with dance presentations, talks, and refreshments. The tree's parent came to Flushing from Belgium in 1847 and lived there until 1998. It was the only living thing ever to have NYC landmark status, and it's believed to be the original source for all weeping beeches in the US. Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 15, The Three Musketeers, Oct. 16. The Acting Company presents this eye-opening version of a classic swashbuckling tale about France's great swordsmen on Oct. 15 at 8 pm and Oct. 16 at 3 pm. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 15, Pumpkin Patch, Oct. 30. The outdoor Pumpkin Patch is open on weekends for purchases, photos, and fun. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Oct. 15, Maze By Moonlight, Oct. 27. Navigate the Amazing Maize Maze in darkness. Bring a flashlight and find your way out of the labyrinth. Maze is open on Oct. 15, 20, 22, and 27 with sessions starting at 5:30 pm. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- Oct. 15, Kerri Chandler, 10 pm. This Deep House pioneer is one of the genre's most revered practitioners. His richly expressive productions, enthralling DJ sets, and flair for performance remain unparalleled. Knockdown Center, 52-19 Flushing Ave., Maspeth.

- Oct. 15, 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.

- Oct. 15, New York Poets: Manfred Kirchheimer and Leo Hurwitz, Oct. 23. This retrospective of Manfred Kirchheimer, who chronicled immigrant and working-class life, places his work next to rare and underappreciated films by documentarian Leo Hurwitz. The nonagenarian director will be in person for a conversation moderated by Jake Perlin after U.S. premiere screenings of 'Up the Lazy River' and 'One More Time.' Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Oct. 15, Re-Opening of Rocket Park Mini Golf, 10 am. This historic mini-course celebrates science. Fees apply. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona.

- Oct. 15, Fall Migration Bird Walk, 9 am. Join an experienced birder and naturalist for an early morning walk through different areas of Alley Pond Park. Learn how to identify birds by sight and listen for all kinds of species. Alley Pond Park, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- Oct. 15, Expressive Watercol-

ors, 6:30 pm. Forest Hills-based visual artist Liz Sheehan meets and greets patrons at her painting exhibition, which is dedicated to Cornelia Metz Corson, a librarian and humanitarian who rests eternally in Maple Grove. The show is on display from Oct. 3 to Oct. 28. The Center at Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 15, Spooky Season, 1 pm. A young-people's discussion of Washington Irving and his 1820 story "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Participants make Headless Horseman paper pumpkin masks to take home. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 15, A Classical Afternoon, Plus, 5 pm. An afternoon of Bach, Brahms, contemporary composer Demski and Art Songs from Faure, Purcell, Schubert and more. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 16, Sunnyside Restaurant Crawl, 2 pm. More than 50 restaurants and breweries provide samples of their products to participants who can walk or take trolleys or an ADA-compliant bus to visit them.

- Oct. 16, Syria Meets Lumbee/Tuscarora, 1 pm. The monthly Global Mashup series continues with Syrian clarinetist and composer Kinan Azmeh and Charly Lowry, a singer, songwriter, guitarist, and hand drummer who hails from the Lumbee/Tuscarora tribes. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 17, Professional Actor Training Program, Oct. 28. Workshops and panel discussions for deaf and disabled performers on such topics as acting, auditioning, improvisation, movement, musical theater, and voice. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 19, Sean McKernan's Belfast: Conflict to Peace, Oct. 25. Photographer Sean McKernan displays a rare collection of images depicting conflicts in Belfast, starting with the hunger strikes of 1981 and ending with modern images about Brexit and the disputes about the Irish language in Northern Ireland. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Oct. 19, As Mine Exactly, Oct. 23. Back by popular demand, Charlie Shackleton returns for a limited engagement of his one-on-one live virtual reality performance. A mother and son revisit the medical emergency that reshaped their lives and the remarkable fragments that remain of that time in this blend of VR and performance film. Please note that tickets are limited. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Oct. 19, In Praise of Caves: Organic Architecture Projects from Mexico, Feb. 26, 2023. Check out a selection of projects by Carlos Lazo, Mathias Goeritz, Juan O'Gorman, and Javier Senosiain that explore the adaptation

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CM Julie Won, Elected Officials & Local Leaders Call on NYCHA to Fix Woodside Houses Heating Plant

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serve,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris.

“Since January of this year, we’ve been aware of issues with the boiler at the NYCHA Woodside Houses and frequent heat and hot water outages. For ten months we’ve tracked outages at Woodside Houses, and yet we still see the same negligence today that we saw ten months ago, and again more recently at Riis Houses in Manhattan. Residents are tired of being used as political props and then ignored when their basic needs are not met. We urge our federal government to make necessary investments to NYCHA and demand the city respond effectively and expeditiously to meet tenants’ basic needs,” said Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas.

“For years, my colleagues and I have been arguing with two mayors and their teams regarding the

repeated no heat and no hot water complaints at Woodside Houses,” said Assemblymember Brian Barnwell. “Instead of the City resolving the issue, we have been ignored and yelled at by their staff for making complaints. The problem has only become worse and people are suffering. Woodside Houses residents are being treated like second-class citizens and we are asking the Mayor to resolve this issue immediately.”

“Just as the weather gets colder, families at Woodside Houses are once again dealing with the loss of heat and hot water,” said Judy Zangwill, Executive Director, Sunnyside Community Services. “Tenants, including the children we serve at the Woodside Houses Community Center, deserve better. I am especially concerned about the continued hardships young people are facing and the impact that will have on their learning. The residents of Woodside Houses should not

continually be left out in the cold. We call on NYCHA to find a permanent solution to this problem.”

“When NYCHA told us that the heat came back on, about an hour later, I got heat in my bedroom. I called around the community and heard that people still weren’t getting their heat, and it is freezing in these apartments,” said Woodside Tenants Association President Ann Cotton Morris. “Please help us with the heat. We have a lot of older seniors living in this building, I’m one of them, and they need the heat. We pay our rent, and we should get heat. We are residents of this building and we should get all that we pay for.”

“Woodside Houses is home to a lot of senior residents, including me, and we don’t want to go through another winter without the heat. We are all human and deserve the heat and hot water that we pay for and are supposed to have,” said senior Woodside Houses resident Jean Chappell.



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of natural structures to modern living, the benefits of moving underground, and how humanity might reconnect with the essential happiness of living in concert with nature. The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- Oct. 19, Astoria’s Chester Carlson: Founder of Xerography, 7 pm. Chester Carlson invented the Xerox machine in an Astoria apartment. He also had a keen interest in paranormal phenomena and donated anonymously to these causes. Learn more during this online lecture by Sally Ann Drucker, a previous editor of the ‘Journal of Parapsychology.’
- Oct. 20, Tarot and Spirituality:

Reading for Emotional Clarity, 6:30 pm. Caitlin Reid offers an introduction to tarot card reading, covering the Rider-Waite deck’s basics archetypes, philosophies of divination, and spiritual techniques for daily practice. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 20, Literary Thursdays, 6 pm. New York Times bestselling writer Kate White discusses her 16th thriller, *The Second Husband*, which explores how well humans know the ones we love. The protagonist’s new love might be threatened due to a renewed investigation that cleared her of her first husband’s murder. Queens Public Library hosts this online event.

Attorney General James Stops School Bus Company From Polluting in New York City Communities

Hoyt Transportation Allegedly Exceeded Limits on Vehicle Idling, Leading to Air Pollution in Communities of Color

New York Attorney General Letitia James has announced a settlement with Hoyt Transportation, Inc. (Hoyt Transportation), a Bronx-based school bus company, ending its alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. Excessive vehicle idling causes air pollution, endangering the health and wellness of neighboring communities. As part of the settlement announced today, Hoyt Transportation will implement an extensive anti-idling training program for drivers, engage an idling manager to monitor idling behavior, and pay at least \$38,850 in penalties. Funds secured from the settlement will be used to support projects to fight pollution and improve air quality in overburdened communities in New York City.

“Vehicle idling can lead to increased air pollution, which poses a serious threat to New Yorkers’ health and safety,” said Attorney General James. “School bus companies like Hoyt Transportation must do their part to protect our communities by addressing excessive idling. In our continued efforts to combat air pollution and environmental injustice, my office will always ensure companies like Hoyt Transportation honor their responsibilities to the communities they serve.”

Hoyt Transportation operates a fleet of more than 300 school buses out of four bus depots in the Bronx, all located in or near low-income communities or communities of color. Using data provided by Geotab, the fleet management system that the Department of Education (DOE) has installed on all New York City school buses, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that the company had repeatedly and persistently exceeded city and state idling limits at its bus yards

and other locations across the city. New York state law, with certain specific exceptions, prohibits idling for more than five minutes, and New York City law prohibits idling for more than three minutes, or one minute when adjacent to a K-12 school.

Geotab data obtained by OAG show that between October 13 and December 20, 2019, one bus idled over two hours on 13 separate occasions (a total of 4986 minutes of idling) at the Hoyt Transportation bus yard located at 1271 Randall Avenue in the Hunts Point neighborhood of the Bronx. This same bus also idled 83 other times at the same yard, with an average of 16 minutes each time. The data also indicate a different bus idled 51 times at the Randall Avenue depot in December 2019, averaging 25 minutes each time. Three of these instances were also over two hours in duration.

Tailpipe emissions from cars, trucks, and buses are one of the leading sources of air pollution in New York state due to the release of smog-forming pollutants, soot, and greenhouse gases. Idling is a significant source of these emissions, with an estimated 130,000 tons of carbon dioxide emitted in New York City alone each year. New York City suffers roughly 1,400 premature deaths every year — the highest death toll in the Northeast — and pays billions in health costs due to significant pollution from the hundreds of thousands of vehicles that operate in the city.

Emissions from diesel-powered, heavy-duty vehicles like buses are particularly harmful to surrounding communities because they emit fine particulate matter that has been linked to numerous problems including asthma, cancer, heart disease, and other serious health impacts. Vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and those with respiratory ailments are particularly impacted. The health impacts of soot and air pollution exposure

are disproportionately felt in low-income communities and communities of color in New York City. These communities have the highest truck and traffic volume and are often home to industrial facilities and bus yards located in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. The children in the high poverty areas of Central Brooklyn, the South Bronx, and Upper Manhattan are three times more likely than children in other areas of the city to be diagnosed with asthma.

In addition to the minimum \$38,850 in penalties, Hoyt Transportation will pay another \$66,000 if the company does not enter into an agreement to purchase an all-electric, zero-emission school bus by May 2025.

This settlement continues Attorney General James’ efforts to ensure that school bus companies do not illegally idle and pollute the air. In May 2022, the Attorney General filed a lawsuit against three New York City bus companies for causing significant air pollution in communities of color by violating city and state bus idling laws. In April 2022, she reached an agreement with Reliant Transportation, the now-defunct owner and operator of 838 school buses, following an investigation that revealed the company’s unlawful idling practices.

“It has been well documented the direct effect air pollution has on communities of color in the South Bronx,” said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. “To learn that despite decades of enforcement, education, and awareness campaigns holding businesses accountable for compromising the health and safety of nearby residents already burdened by high rates of asthma, Hoyt Transportation is exceeding state-mandated idling limits set at 5 minutes for heavy-duty vehicles, including non-diesel and diesel trucks and buses with a gross

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Queens Theatre Hosts an Eye-Opening Version of ‘The Three Musketeers’

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productions, ponders a long-kept secret: The playwright’s father was born in Saint-Domingue — which was a French colony then, but is now Haiti — to a white nobleman and a slave. As per the law at the time, he was born a slave, but he moved to France as a child and gained emancipation. The father then studied at prestigious military academies before embarking on a successful and action-filled career during which he became the first person of color to ascend to the rank of general of the French army.

So the playwright was a member of the French aristocracy, but he also had African blood. This adaptation of *The Three Musketeers* considers his personal story while shedding new light on the plot.

Ticket prices run from \$25 to \$35 with the option to buy four for \$90 using the promo code

“4For90.” (Online purchases incur a \$2 fee per ticket. There is no fee for tickets bought in person at Queens Theatre’s box office.)

Shows are on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 8 pm, and Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3 pm. The Saturday night performance offers Audio Description via headsets. The Sunday matinee offers Open Captioning in select seats.

Founded in 1972, The Acting Company has launched the careers of about 400 thespians, including Kevin Kline, Patti LuPone, and Mary Lou Rosato. The nonprofit won the 2003 Tony Award for Excellence in the Theater and the 2019 Audeco Award for Best Play.

Queens Theatre is located at 14 United Nations Ave. S. inside Flushing Meadows Corona Park. There’s ample free parking in a nearby lot.

Editor’s note: The Acting Company will also present its version of *Romeo & Juliet* at Queens Theatre on Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 pm.

New York Hall of Science to Reopen to Visitors on Saturday October 15th

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North America and explains how protecting their unknown “water highways” is vital to the environment. Dinosaurs of Antarctica gives viewers a look at the continent’s prehistoric days.

NYSCI’s reopening is possible because of the support we have received from federal, state, and local elected officials, who have shown their deep commitment to the organization. Support was also provided by a generous group of individuals, companies, and foundations including, Amazon’ Mets Foundation, American Chemical Society, Bloomberg Philanthropies, BNY Mellon, Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Carson Family Charitable Trust, Citi Foundation, The Countess Moira Foundation, Google.org, Hyde and Watson Foundation, The JPB Foundation, The Pinkerton Foundation, Richmond County Savings Foundation, Seidenberg

Family Foundation, The Siegel Family Endowment, and Simons Foundation.

About NYSCI: The mission of the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) is to nurture generations of passionate learners, critical thinkers and active citizens through an approach called Design, Make, Play. Design, Make, Play emphasizes open-ended exploration, imaginative learning and personal relevance, resulting in deep engagement and delight in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. NYSCI was founded at the 1964-65 World’s Fair and has evolved into a local, global and impactful center for interactive science:

- 400,000 annual visitors.
- 1 million learners worldwide use NYSCI’s digital products.
- 3,000 local teachers participate in professional development each year.

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Riders Alliance Statement on NYS Comptroller DiNapoli's MTA Financial Outlook Report

Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said:

"The burden is on New York's governor, who controls the MTA and presents the state budget, to bring back riders and rebuild revenue by investing in more frequent

public transit service. Maintaining the MTA's indispensable role of running buses and trains for several million New Yorkers demands that the governor provide new state funding and more frequent service."

"The comptroller is right that the MTA needs billions of dollars

to pay for operations; it's the governor who must answer, investing in stability and growth with more frequent service. More frequent service is essential if the governor wants to induce new transit trips, ease gridlock, cut carbon emissions, and make New York a more equitable place to live and work."

Attorney General James Secures Relief for Patients Illegally Charged by Ambulance Company

Mobile Life Support Services Unlawfully Billed New Yorkers for Emergency Medical Services and Referred Balances to Debt Collectors, Violating Insurance Laws

New York Attorney General Letitia James has announced a settlement with Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. (Mobile Life), an Orange County ambulance company that illegally billed patients for emergency medical services. Mobile Life billed patients for the difference between what their insurance plans paid and what the company charged in an unlawful practice known as "balance billing," and would refer some unpaid accounts to a debt collector. As a result of an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Mobile Life will pay full restitution plus interest to affected patients, request closure of all relevant accounts with debt collectors, update its billing practices, and pay a \$100,000 penalty.

"Mobile Life Support Services took advantage of vulnerable patients with illegal billing and debt collection tactics," said Attorney General James. "When New Yorkers are in need of emergency medical care, the last thing they should be worried about is being exploited by the very company entrusted with helping them. Mobile Life will return all of the money they took from innocent New Yorkers, and my office will continue to de-

fend patients from such predatory behavior."

Mobile Life is a privately owned, commercial ambulance service provider that answers more than 100,000 calls per year across the Hudson Valley Region. The OAG opened an investigation into Mobile Life after receiving complaints from New Yorkers who received ambulance services from Mobile Life and were billed for the difference between Mobile Life's charge and the payment by the consumer's health plan.

Under New York state insurance law, an ambulance service provider cannot bill a patient who has comprehensive health care coverage for the difference between the provider's charges and the patient's health plan's payment, other than applicable co-payments, deductibles, or co-insurance. Per the law's "Ambulance Mandate," an insurance provider, or health plan, is required to pay the usual and customary charge to the ambulance service provider, unless a contract with a different negotiated rate exists. This is true regardless of whether the ambulance service is a participating provider within the health plan's network.

Mobile Life's documented practice of improper balance billing cheated hardworking New Yorkers and impacted their credit. As a result of the settlement secured by OAG, Mobile Life will pay full restitution plus 12 percent interest per year to all patients

who paid Mobile Life for illegal charges since June 1, 2016. An independent auditor, retained and paid by Mobile Life, will review all payment records for this time period to determine those who are eligible to receive restitution. For all patients whose unpaid, illegally charged accounts were referred to a debt collector, Mobile Life will instruct the debt collector to cease all collection activity, set the balance to \$0, and direct all major credit bureaus to remove any derogatory information reported for the affected person. Mobile Life will also pay a penalty of \$100,000, and an additional \$15,000 for any future violation.

In addition to financial relief, Mobile Life must modify its current billing practices so that the insurance provider is billed in the first instance, and the patient is clearly told that they owe only a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible. Mobile Life must also invest in the development of a training curriculum on the new procedures to be administered to all current and future staff.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Carol Hunt of the Health Care Bureau under the supervision of Bureau Chief Sudarsana Srinivasan. The Health Care Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Meng Condemns Swastikas Found in Queens

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), a Co-Chair of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism, today issued the following statement condemning swastikas found on newspaper racks distributing Jewish publi-

cations in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens.

"I am shocked and outraged over this disgusting vandalism, and I condemn it. This antisemitism is completely unacceptable, especially during Yom Kippur which is the

holiest day of the year in the Jewish faith. Hate will never be tolerated in Queens. There is no place for it in our borough or anywhere in our society, and we must all denounce these despicable acts whenever and wherever they occur."

Speaker Adams, Civic Leaders, And School Community Celebrate Renaming of PS 48Q as The David N. Dinkins School for Community Service

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Community Service is positioned to impactfully improve the lives of the school community and the community at large. I am honored and humbled to be the principal of The David N. Dinkins School, and we will work to keep his legacy alive."

"My vision for renaming PS 48Q was grounded in service to the community," said Patricia Mitchell, former Principal of PS 48Q. "We honor the legacy that David Dinkins left, by our commitment to excellence in education. His legacy will live on as we continue to serve this

community."

"The name of a school must serve as a compass to guide little scholars in directions they never dreamed of going," said Vijah Ramjattan, President of Community Education Council (CEC) District 28. "I congratulate the PS 48Q team on taking the right step to rename their school after a prominent leader, David N. Dinkins, who led an exemplary life of service. I am confident that current and future scholars who pass through the doors of PS 48Q will be inspired to choose a life dedicated to public service and serve like Dinkins did - without reservation."

"Renaming PS 48Q the David N. Dinkins School is a perfect nomenclature, given that the Honorable David N. Dinkins was always a fighter and striver to do better for self and community," said Dorothy Cush, who taught at PS 48Q for 32 years. "With a unique style, his life epitomized that spirit and tenacity which permeates PS 48Q. The school's mission for the children, community, and staff is sometimes underestimated or undervalued, but its deliberate and focused goals allow it to shine with style and purpose in South Jamaica, much like the first African American Mayor to serve NYC, David Dinkins!"

Flushing Town Hall Now Accepting Applications From Queens Artists & Nonprofits For its 2023 NYSCA Re-grant Program, Arts Grants For Queens

Flushing Town Hall has been tapped for a second year with the responsibility of administering over \$100,000 in re-grants funded by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for Queens-based artists and arts organizations holding public arts and culture programs in the borough throughout 2023.

Applications for this competitive opportunity are now open, with a submission deadline of December 16, 2022. Flushing Town Hall has released the grant guidelines and applications on its website and is providing information sessions and grant-writing workshops for prospective applicants throughout the fall.

Formerly known as NYSCA's "Decentralization" program (DEC for short), the program has been rebranded as "Statewide Community Re-grants" (SCR for short) and is intended to support artists and cultural nonprofits in every county across New York State. NYSCA was a pioneer of this model of arts re-grants that has since been adopted by numerous other states and municipalities, including New York City.

The re-grants administered by Flushing Town Hall will fund arts and culture projects created and presented in Queens, with the goal to enrich and enliven the community. While FTH is managing the application process and distribution of funds, recipients selected for funding will be decided by an external panel comprised of artists, cultural workers, arts administrators, community organizers and Queens community leaders.

2022 recipients awarded earlier this year included Art House Astoria, CPC NanShan Senior Center, Flamenco Latino, Inc., LaMicro Theater, New York Kathak Film Festival, New York Mandarin Playback Inc., Queens Jazz Over-Ground, The Rockaway Film Festival, Taiwanese American Arts Council, and Women in Comics Collective International, among others. The next round of funding recipients will be announced in the spring of 2023, after this cycle's application process closes later this December.

Flushing Town Hall's mission is to serve the global communities of Queens through programming that celebrates and uplifts the full range of cultural diversity in the borough. In addition to music, dance, visual arts, theatrical, and educational programming, Flushing Town Hall offers a wide range of artist services, including space grants for artists to develop new work, professional development workshops, networking conversations, and more. The NYSCA re-granting program is a complement to these other offerings and enables Flushing Town Hall to fulfill its role as an arts council (FTH was founded in 1979 as Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts, the organization's legal name).

"We are honored to be entrusted again with this role by NYSCA," says Flushing Town Hall Ex-

ecutive and Artistic Director Ellen Kodadek. "As an Arts Council since 1979, we pledge to uphold NYSCA's high standards of integrity and community responsiveness in managing this program, and we encourage our borough's wide range of talented artists and dedicated arts organizations to submit applications for funding."

For more information, visit <https://www.flushingtownhall.org/arts-grants-for-queens> or contact Dan Bamba, Director of Arts Services at: dbamba@flushingtownhall.org

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Flushing Town Hall is a not for profit organization and receives major support in 2022 from the National Endowment for the Arts; New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature; New York State Assembly Member Ron Kim; The City of New York, Mayor Eric Adams; New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Commissioner Laurie Cumbo; Queens Borough President Donovan Richards; The New York City Council, Speaker Adrienne E. Adams and New York City Council Members Sandra Ung, Tiffany Caban, Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, Vickie Paladino, Lynn Schulman, and Jessica Won; Howard Gilman Foundation, Booth Ferris Foundation, Guru Krupa Foundation, Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation.

About Flushing Town Hall - Flushing Town Hall (FTH), a Smithsonian affiliate, presents multi-disciplinary global arts that engage and educate the global communities of Queens and New York City in order to foster mutual appreciation. As advocates of arts equity since 1979, we support local, immigrant, national, and international artists, developing partnerships and collaborations that enhance our efforts. As a member of New York City's Cultural Institutions Group (CIG), we serve to restore, manage and program the historic 1862 landmark on behalf of the City of New York. FTH celebrates the history of Queens as the home of Jazz, by presenting the finest in Jazz performance. We are committed to arts education and hands-on learning, for the arts-curious, arts enthusiasts, and professional artists. We serve one of the most diverse communities in the world and strive to uphold the legacy of inclusiveness that has defined our community since the Flushing Remonstrance of 1657.

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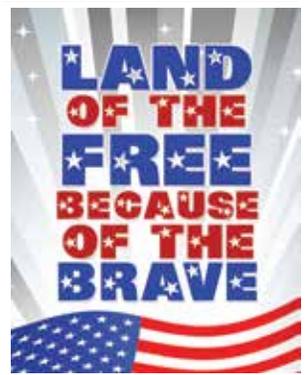
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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of MTIMBALE DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/27/22. 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 MGRE Holding LLC, 48-02 25th St, Ste 400, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/13,20,27,11/3,10&17/2022

Banglatino LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/14/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Lagunes Quezada Alejandro, 8312 101st Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11416. General Purpose. 10/6,13,20,27,11/3&10/2022

AWAY AND VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/2022. 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, 2815 24th Ave Apt 2, Astoria, New York 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 10/13,20,27,11/3,10&17/2022



Attorney General James Stops School Bus Company From Polluting in New York City Communities

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vehicle weight of more than 8,500 pounds. Their actions have worked to further pollute communities across the Bronx — many still reeling from the effects of COVID-19 and other health disparities. I want to thank Attorney General Letitia James and her team for her advocacy and for holding Hoyt Transportation accountable.”

“For too long, many low-income communities and communities of color in the Bronx have been overexposed to dangerous pollutants and vehicle exhaust due to location and negligence,” said State Senator Alessandra Biaggi. “Companies, such as Hoyt Transportation, have a responsibility to mitigate their harmful environmental impacts and protect the wellbeing of the vulnerable communities they operate in. I am grateful to Attorney General James for consistently holding these companies accountable, and for fighting to improve the quality of life for communities in the Bronx.”

“As someone who suffers from asthma, I know all too well how the polluted air we breathe can lead to long-term health issues,” said New York City Council Member Rafael Salamanca. “Home to thousands of heavy industrial businesses,

the South Bronx has disproportionately suffered the consequences of contaminated air more than other parts of New York City, so much so that the area has earned the nickname ‘The Asthma Alley.’ Today’s announcement from Attorney General Letitia James sends a strong message that the blatant disregard for the wellbeing of New Yorkers will not be tolerated in any form. Attorney General James has long been a champion for environmental justice, and on behalf of my constituents, I thank her for her unrelenting commitment to ensuring my community has clean air.”

“Attorney General James is continuing to protect our communities and city by sending another clear message to school bus companies that illegal idling will no longer be tolerated. The excessive idling committed by these companies, coupled with emissions from other heavy-duty vehicles, spews tons of pollutants into our air, harming our communities and fueling the climate crisis,” said Kevin Garcia, Transportation Planner, New York City Environmental Justice Alliance. “We will need every tool in the toolbox to make sure that school bus companies discontinue this unlawful practice and are transitioning to electric vehicles.”

“We are proud to see Attorney General James continuing to take the fight to school bus companies that ignore the law. These companies that continue to illegally idle dump harmful pollution into the air we breathe and fuel asthma and other lung diseases in our communities,” said Dariella Rodriguez, Director of Community Development, The Point CDC. “Environmental justice communities, like Hunts Point, have had to bear the brunt of disease caused by air pollution from diesel vehicles for too long. School buses should represent education and a thriving future for our children, not pollution and diseases.”

This matter is being handled by Affirmative Litigation Section Chief Yueh-ru Chu under the supervision of Environmental Protection Bureau Chief Lemuel M. Srolovic. Data Analyst Anushua Choudhury of the Research and Analytics Department assisted in the matter. The Research and Analytics Department is led by Deputy Director Megan Thorsfeldt and Director Jonathan Werberg. The Environmental Protection Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

New York Hall of Science to Reopen to Visitors on Saturday October 15th

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- 1,000 high-school and college students benefit from mentoring opportunities in STEM fields every year.
- 95 percent of the more

than 4,000 young people participating in NYSCI’s Science Career Ladder program over the last three decades have gone on to college.

- 70 percent of the Science

Career Ladder alumni work in STEM fields.

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Con Edison And General Motors Partner to Test Electric Vehicle Charging, Other Clean Energy Technologies

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delivers electricity, natural gas and steam, and serves 3.5 million customers in New York City and Westchester County. Through

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Queens Businesses Express Concerns Over Cost of Congestion Pricing Plan

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will impose significant costs on doing business in the outer boroughs, making it more difficult to attract and retain customers and employees. While encouraging more people to use public transit, reducing congestion and raising money to fund necessary infrastructure improvements are worthy goals, we

have to consider the reality that small businesses are facing,” said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The survey showed that:

- Over 80 percent of respondents were aware of the details of the MTA’s plan to implement congestion pricing.
- Over 76 percent of respondents would not be

able to recoup the cost of toll charges onto their customers.

- Over 54 percent of respondents were concerned about the loss of customers because of these new tolls.
- Half of all respondents are concerned about losing employees whose commute might be affected by congestion pricing.

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce:-

The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,400 businesses and more than 150,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members’ interests. www.queenschamber.org

In Memory of a Beloved Community Member



Rita Persaud was a vibrant individual with a profound influence on our youth. Her life was cut tragically short on Christmas Eve of 2020.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said "I am proud of the way her community has pulled together in honoring her memory and legacy.

QDA Katz further said "It was a pleasure joining Council Member Joann Ariola, community leader Romeo Hitlall and many others in co-naming the intersection of 92nd Street and 103rd Avenue in Ozone Park as "Auntie Rita Way."

May her memory forever remain a blessing.

Pulaski Day Parade



NYC Mayor Eric Adams greets Konrad Fijołek Prezydent Rzeszowa, the Mayor of Rzeszów, Poland in the Pulaski Day Parade in Manhattan



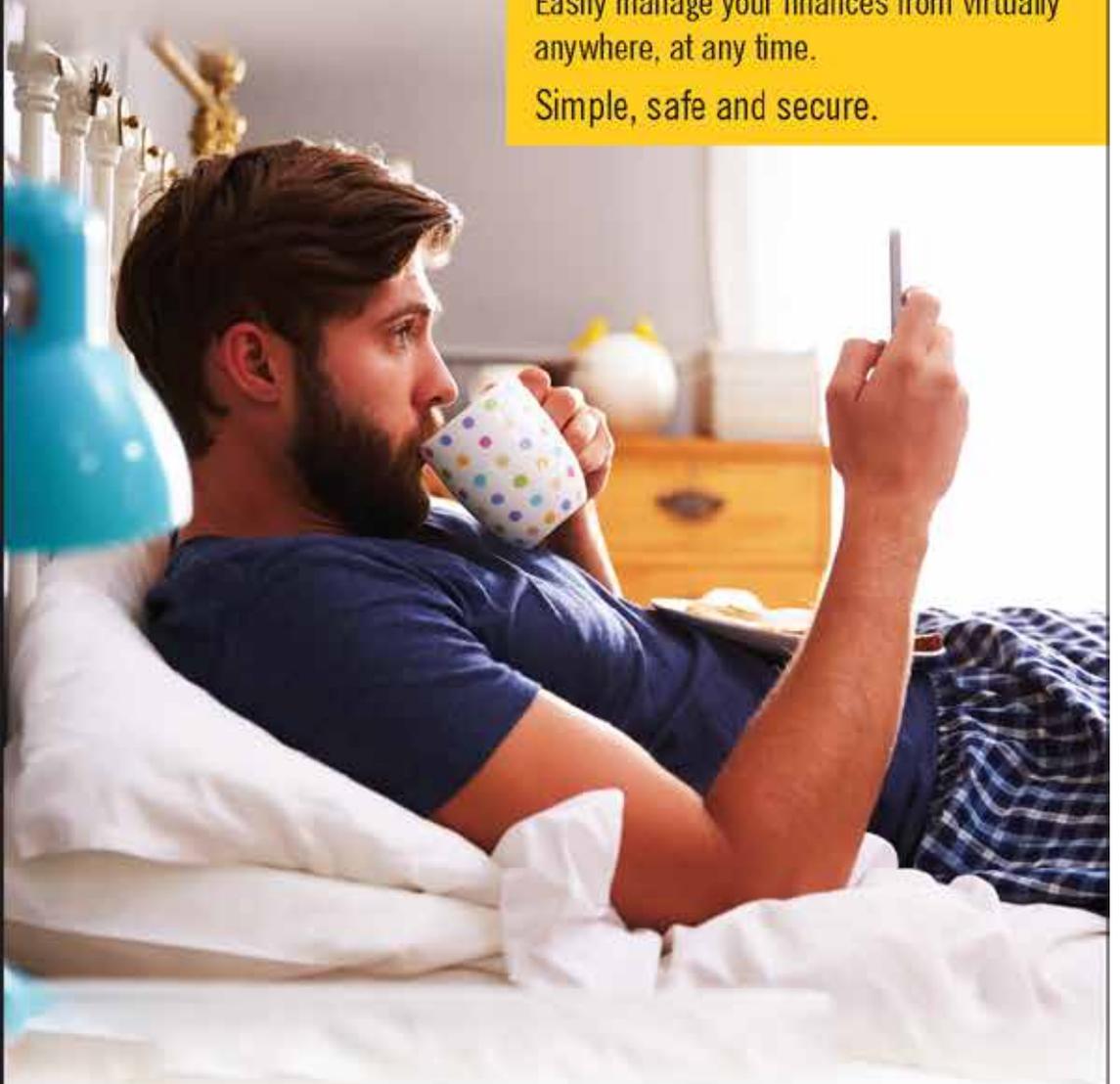
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