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## Rosa's Pizza Opens November in The Bay Terrace Shopping Center



Rosa's Pizza November opening in the Bay Terrace Shopping Center. Photo courtesy of Rosa's Pizza

The long-awaited Rosa's Pizza at Bay Terrace finally has an opening date.

Rosa's Pizza is set to open on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bay Terrace Shopping Center, a spokesperson for the shopping center owner Cord Meyer Development Company confirmed the opening.

Rosa's Pizza announced the opening of their pizzeria in March taking over the space that

was once Jack's Pizza.

Since then, residents have been flocking to Facebook groups to inquire about when the store would be open and now there wait is over.

Make sure you are there for the opening of Rosa's Pizza at the Bay Terrace Shopping Center on November 29.

Rosa's Pizza has many other locations in Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island.

## Congressman Meeks Awards \$2.5 Million to York College in Jamaica



Congressman Gregory Meeks, US Senator Chuck Schumer and US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Congressman Gregory Meeks announced that York College in Jamaica will receive \$2 million for health disparity study and equipment for its nursing and other

healthcare programs and \$527,000 for a workforce Step-Up Program. Congressman Meeks, who made the funding possible, announced that he secured \$15 mil-

lion for his district in partnership with Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

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## Liu, NYS DOT, And Northeast Queens Residents Break Ground On Green Barrier



NYS Senator John Liu, NYS Department of Transportation and northeast Queens residents today broke ground on a new green barrier along the northbound Clearview Expressway between 18th and 26th avenues in Bayside, Queens. See story on page 6.

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# Congressman Meeks Awards \$2.5 Million to York College in Jamaica

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Based in the epicenter of the COVID crisis and serving as a testing and vaccination site at different phases of the pandemic, York has been an essential player in the fight against COVID.

Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes, president of York College, said she is thankful for the support the college is receiving under her leadership and looks forward to working with the community in this mutually supportive way.

Congressman Meeks said, "I am proud to have secured funding that will make our community healthier, safer, strong, and even more resilient." He went on to say, "This bill includes meaningful investments throughout Queens and

Nassau County that will provide our community leaders with the resources they need to rebuild following COVID-19's disruption."

In York's application, Dr. Maureen Becker, dean of the York College School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs, highlighted how the Health Disparities Initiative will support multi-level research projects with state-of-the-art equipment to examine the causes of differential health outcomes and test possible ways to address them.

"The federal funding secured by Congressman Meeks provides York College with the tangible means to intervene in a real-world crisis," White said. "The Health Disparities project is just another example of the College's commit-

ment to improving the lives of our neighbors as well as our students!"

York College, a senior institution of The City University of New York (CUNY), offers baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, accounting and business, journalism, communications technology, computer science, social work, teacher education, various health professions including nursing and Clinical Laboratory Science. There is also an aviation management program; and MS degrees in Pharmaceutical Science, Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistant Studies; as well as the Master in Social Work (MSW). Founded in 1966, the college boasts over 30,000 alumni succeeding in their professional endeavors.

## CONSUMER ALERT: New York State Division of Consumer Protection Provides Tips to Avoid Charity Impersonation Scams

**Scams are More Prevalent After a Natural Disaster or Emergencies**

**Scammers Usually Pretend to be Members of a Well-Known Organization to Bilk Millions Out of Unsuspecting Donors**

**Follow These Tips to Donate Wisely and Avoid Charity Scams**

The New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) aims to raise awareness about charity scams. Donations of any kind can make a real impact on a good cause, which is why charity scams are especially cruel. Unfortunately, scammers never miss an opportunity to defraud people, so it's important to remember that not all donation requests are legitimate. The Division has created this quick guide to help donors do their own due diligence on the charities seeking their support.

"After a major event such as a natural disaster, tragedy, or as the season of giving unfolds, scammers prey on the good intentions of people and take money that could otherwise help individuals and programs in need," said Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez. "In order to ensure that donations go to the right place, we encourage New Yorkers to research and confirm charity claims before making a donation."

Charity scams can happen at any time, but they are more prevalent after a natural disaster or emergencies collecting millions of dollars from unsuspecting donors. On many occasions, these fraudsters pretend to be affiliated with well-known organizations or even the government to scam people out of their hard-earned money. According to the Federal Trade Commission about 2.8 million people nation-wide reported being victims of someone pretending to be a trusted charity source in 2021 causing losses of about \$2.3 billion.

To prevent your donation money from falling into the wrong hands, DCP recommends taking the following precautions:

about the charity.

- Check the legitimacy of the charitable organization. Research the charity by searching the New York State Attorney General's online database of registered charities at [charitiesnys.com](http://charitiesnys.com), and by visiting websites such as [bbb.org](http://bbb.org), [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) and [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) in addition to visiting the charity's website. If donating toward relief efforts after a natural disaster, check a site like [disasterphilanthropy.org](http://disasterphilanthropy.org) to be sure your money is going to truly help those in need.

- Learn how to detect a phony charity. Some scammers will create fake "charities" and try to trick you with similar names of well-known charities. Pay attention to the charity's name, web address, logos, etc. Scammers often mimic the names of familiar, trusted organizations to fool donors.

- Designate your donation. Find out what percentage of your donation will go directly toward the cause as opposed to administrative costs. Ask the charity whether you can designate your donation to a specific effort rather than a general contribution fund. If the solicitation comes from a professional for-profit fundraising company, be aware that the charitable organization will receive only a percentage of your donation. If you want to ensure the charity receives the whole amount, donate directly instead.

- Pay attention to vague claims. Pay attention to language such as "all proceeds go to charity" or "your purchase will benefit a charity." A disclosure should be provided that includes the actual or estimated purchase price amount the charity will receive directly.

- Resist high-pressure tactics. Charity fraud scams can come in many forms, whether by email, social media, crowdfunding platforms, cold calls, etc. Watch out for direct e-mails from "victims" and solicitors who employ heart-wrenching stories, insisting that you donate immediately. It is strongly advised not to give money over the phone to unsolicited telemarketers, and instead ask the caller to send written materials

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers on product safety, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at [www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection).

For more consumer protection tips, follow the Division on social media at Twitter: @NYSConsumer and Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](http://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer)

## Con Edison Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions as it Replaces Gas Mains For Safety, Reliability

**Crews Using Technology to Avoid Natural Gas Releases During Main Replacement Projects**

Con Edison is taking its fight against climate change into the streets where crews are using technology that keeps natural gas and its component, methane, from being released into the air.

The company uses the Zero Emissions Vacuum and Compressor – or ZEVAC – to pump natural gas from a section of gas main that is being taken out of service and move it into the adjacent section of gas main.

Con Edison was the first gas distribution company in the United States to use the technology on live gas mains. Con Edison's Research and Development group provided the manufacturer with input on the needs of a typical gas distribution company.

Before Con Edison obtained its ZEVAC machines, crews had to release gas from the old section of main into the air.

"This equipment fits perfectly with our belief that Con Edison has a unique opportunity to play a leadership role in reducing emissions and fighting climate change, as we pledge to do in our Clean Energy Commitment," said Nicholas Inga, Con Edison's vice president, Gas Operations. "Our long-term goal is to move away from fossil fuels and transition to renewables,

but in the interim this equipment allows us to reduce the release of methane as we fulfill our obligation to provide safe, reliable service to our customers."

The machine has another benefit. The release of natural gas into the atmosphere often prompts residents and businesses in the area to call in a suspected gas leak. That draws an unnecessary response from the local fire department.

On a pound-for-pound basis, methane has 25 times as much global warming potential as carbon dioxide.

Methane concentrations in the atmosphere have more than doubled in the last two centuries and that is mainly due to human-related activities, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But since methane does not remain in the atmosphere as long as carbon dioxide, reducing emissions would have a quick and dramatic effect on reducing the earth's warming potential.

Earlier today, a gas a crew on Utopia Parkway in Queens transferred natural gas from a 3,000-foot section of main. That gas contained the amount of greenhouse gas emissions the average passenger car would emit during 11,250 miles of travel.

Using the ZEVAC on that job avoided the amount of carbon emissions produced by burning 510 gallons of gasoline or 10.5 gallons of oil.

Con Edison's aggressive program to replace cast-iron and unprotected steel gas main with plastic piping, which is more durable and less vulnerable to leaks, provides plenty of opportunity to use the ZEVAC machine.

The company has been replacing an average of 90 miles of gas main a year as part of its effort to keep its gas system safe and reliable during the transition from fossil fuels to renewables.

The company makes clear in its Clean Energy Commitment that it will reduce its use of fossil fuel natural gas as it explores new ways to use its gas delivery system to serve customers.

Con Edison is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. [NYSE: ED], one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$14 billion in annual revenues and \$66 billion in assets. The utility delivers electricity, natural gas and steam, and serves 3.5 million customers in New York City and Westchester County. Through Consolidated Edison Inc.'s subsidiary, Con Edison Clean Energy Businesses, the company is the second-largest owner of solar electric projects in North America.

About ZEVAC - ZEVAC is committed to providing equipment solutions that make eliminating methane emissions a reality. Go to GetZEVAC.com for more information.

## Queens Chamber Of Commerce And Queens Tech Council Celebrate Opening Of Tech Incubator in The Rockaways

**Tech companies have begun moving into Tech Incubators in the Rockaways and at the Greater Nexus in Jamaica**

**Companies at Tech Incubators are provided with free office space, mentoring opportunities, and access to other resources to help develop their business and grow the tech industry in Queens**

On, Thursday, November 17, the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Tech Council were joined by business, government and community leaders to celebrate the opening of the Queens Tech Incubator in the Rockaways. The Rockaways location and the Queens Tech Incubator at the Greater Nexus in Jamaica are the first two spaces to open as part of this initiative, with plans to open additional locations in Flushing, Long Island City and Forest Hills.

"Supporting a strong tech ecosystem requires more than just attracting the world's most prominent tech companies to Queens, we also need to be doing everything we can to help homegrown startups succeed. There is no better way to do that than through tech incubators," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "We are delighted to be here with our partners in government to celebrate the launch of the Queens Tech Incubator in the Rockaways. Along with our location at the Greater Nexus in Jamaica, we are providing free office space, mentoring and valuable

resources to seven startups to help grow the tech industry in Queens from the ground up."

The 3D App, DevJee, Inc., and Mind Lightning Studio have taken space at the Queens Tech Incubator in the Rockaways. B'ZT, FLVSH, Nourish, and Project Recess, Inc. have moved into the location in Jamaica.

Nicholas Conway, Director of Operations for Alma Realty, which owns the Rockaway building where the Incubator is located, said, "Alma Realty welcomes the Queens Tech Incubator to the Surfside Complex. This center will be a critical resource for small businesses on the Rockaway Peninsula, fostering greater levels of entrepreneurship and propelling business growth in our local community. Alma Realty is so proud to work alongside Chamber leadership and play a proactive role in the launch of this project."

The Queens Tech Incubator is a key initiative of the Queens Tech Council, which launched in February 2021. Council members include representatives from Google, Facebook, Amazon, Pursuit, LIC Partnership, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, Crown Castle, JetBlue Ventures, Cornell Tech, and The Business Incubator Association of New York State. The Queens Tech Council focuses on building an economy that embraces innovation and promotes tech adoption. This includes supporting tech companies from existing giants in established industries to startups working doing cutting edge work.

Applications to the Queens Tech Incubator were reviewed and selected by members of the Queens Tech Council. Companies chosen will have access to complimentary office space, mentorship opportunities from existing Tech Council members as well as resources provided by the Small Business Resource Network (SBRN).

"Support for our local tech entrepreneurs and business owners is at the core of Mayor Adams' vision for a robust and equitable economic recovery for our City," said Kevin D. Kim, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services. "We commend our close partners at the Queens Chamber of Commerce and Queens Tech Council for the launch of this initial location and look forward to working with them to support tech startups all over Queens."

"The Queens Chamber of Commerce is a longtime partner in economic and workforce development for the city of New York, and I look forward to seeing what comes out of this tech incubator," said Jose Ortiz, Jr., Senior Advisor to the Deputy Mayor for Economic & Workforce Development. "On behalf of Mayor Adams, we congratulate the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Tech Council on the launch of this great space."

"As the Rockaways recover from the effects of Sandy and now the effects of the Pandemic, few places could use a business

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## New Exhibition Displays Holocaust Survivors' Resilience



we don't forget the atrocities of the Holocaust for many generations."

Viewing is by appointment only from 10 am to noon on Monday through Friday. Contact Beth Taboh at 718.225.6750 (ext. 212) or btaboh@commonpointqueens.org.

Located at 58-20 Little Neck Parkway, the Sam Field Center is part of Commonpoint Queens, a consortium of social service providers located around the borough.

Resilience was unveiled on Nov. 9, the anniversary of Kristallnacht, when a wave of anti-Semitic violence began in Germany in 1938. The perpetrators, mostly Nazi Party officials, broke glass and ransacked Jewish homes, businesses, and religious institutions throughout Germany and parts of Austria and the Sudetenland, which was once part of Czechoslovakia.

## Honors For Our Veterans



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers at the American Legion Post 483 in Rosedale for a special Veterans Luncheon. QDA Katz said "During my entire tenure in public service, I have

taken every opportunity to honor and thank our veterans for their service. And I continue to express my deepest gratitude to all the heroic men and women who have served our nation and protected our freedoms."

**God Bless America**

## **QDA Melinda Katz And NYPD Take 32 Guns Off The Streets At Buyback Event**



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz and the New York Police Department announced that 32 guns were collected today at the Church of God Christian Academy in Far Rockaway, Queens. The gun buyback events seek to curb gun violence and the destruction it causes by accepting working unloaded firearms - with no questions asked - in exchange for compensation.

This event was co-sponsored by the NYPD, Congressman Gregory W. Meeks, Office of the State Attorney General Letitia James, City Council Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, Church of God Christian Academy, First Church of God and Food Bazaar Supermarket.

District Attorney Katz said: "Gun violence will never become the norm in our communities, and we will continue to make every determined effort to rid our streets of this plague. My Office, in partnership with our faithbased leaders, local public officials and neighborhood residents, stand united in support of meaningful prevention strategies such as the

gun buyback events. Each of the 32 guns recovered today is a move away from potential destruction. I thank today's co-sponsors for their partnership and dedication to public safety."

NYPD Commissioner Sewell said: "Every gun that we get off our streets is a gun that will never be used to harm another New Yorker. This gun buyback event is one more component of our continuous effort to keep the people of New York City safe, and I want to thank the Queens County District Attorney's Office for its partnership in this important program – and for its steadfast commitment to public safety."

Congressman Meeks said: "Every gun that is surrendered is a step toward ensuring safer communities and preventing the loss of lives. I commend local officials and partners for placing public safety at the forefront by leading this event to eliminate gun violence in our communities and protecting our neighborhoods. We must continue implementing initiatives such as the Queens Gun Buyback program

to reduce preventable crimes and tragedies."

New York Attorney General James said: "Public safety is our top priority, and my office will continue working to ensure that every New Yorker feels safe and secure. Gun buybacks are one of the ways we can help prevent tragedies, get guns off the streets, and help save lives. I thank District Attorney Katz and our partners in law enforcement for their work on this important initiative."

City Council Majority Whip Brooks-Powers said: "Our community has been devastated over and over again, and we must do all we can to get illegal guns off of our streets. The gun buyback program, while one of many solutions, have proven effective. I commend Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz for her continued partnership and commitment to combatting the root to gun violence – access to illegal guns."

This buyback was the eighth of DA Katz's administration. Combined, they have collected over 400 firearms.

## **Gillibrand Calls For Nearly \$2 Billion In Funding For The Older Americans Act Nutritional Programs For FY23**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Special Committee on Aging, is holding a video press conference to call for \$1.93 billion in FY23 funding for the Older Americans Act (OAA) nutritional programs. This year is the 50th anniversary of the OAA Nutrition Program, which has supported nutrition services for older adults across the country in a variety of ways since 1972, including within senior centers, home deliveries, and with funding for local agencies.

"As a member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, I am committed to fighting food insecurity and ensuring that our older adults have access to healthy

and affordable meals," said Senator Gillibrand. "Bolstering the Older Americans Act nutritional programs is a vital step to addressing the unique barriers older Americans face in accessing food. I'm proud to lead the call for nearly \$2 billion in funding for the OAA so that everyone has food on the table during the holiday season and beyond."

About 5.2 million older adults in the United States, including an estimated 7.6 percent of older adults in New York, were food insecure in 2020. As the American population continues to age rapidly, with more than 75 million Americans aged 60 years and older, it's vital to supply nutritional programs

with the resources needed to create a pathway for social connection and meal deliveries for the older adult community.

The OAA is a major federal vehicle for delivery of social and nutrition services for more than 11 million older Americans and their caregivers. These programs include congregate nutrition services, home-delivered nutrition services, transportation services, activities to promote socialization and wellness, employment and community service programs, and family caregiver support. Specifically, Gillibrand is calling to fund both OAA programs and OAA Title III-C Nutrition Services in the final FY23 appropriations bill.

## **Queens Chamber Of Commerce And Queens Tech Council Celebrate Opening Of Tech Incubator in The Rockaways . . .**

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incubator better than we can," said State Senator James Sanders Jr. "We congratulate the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Tech Council, as well as their local partners, for dedicating this space to the future enrichment of the Rockaways as a whole and New York in general."

"One of the most important actions we can take as elected officials is to help create job opportunities for our constituents, and this new Queens Tech Incubator space will provide local startup companies the resources to grow," said State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. "Technology is already at the core of many things that we do as a society, so in order to continue to be at the forefront of this ever-changing and growing industry I am happy to have Queens Tech Incubator right here in the Rockaways. I want to thank my colleagues in government, community leaders and the Queens Chamber of Commerce and Queens Tech Council for helping to bring this instrumental space to our community. I wish Queens Tech Incubator the best of luck and look forward to seeing the great things that come from this space."

"The Queens Chamber of Commerce has really immersed itself into Rockaway's business districts, and this incubator is yet another way they're helping to improve the peninsula's economy," said Councilwoman Joann Ariola. "With this location, we are laying the foundations for future investments in the area, and we will hopefully attract more innovators and entrepreneurs to establish businesses here as well. The future here in Rockaway is bright, and with resources such as this one it only seems to be getting brighter."

The following companies are participating in the Queens Tech Incubator in the Rockaways and Jamaica:

- The 3D App is a platform for creating, managing, and viewing 3D tours of real estate properties for rental and purchase. <https://www.the3dapp.com>
- B'ZT (Beacon Zone Technology) is a proprietary smart apparel

## **The FBI Has A Warning For Tiktok Users. Why It Says You Should Be Extremely Concerned'**

TikTok has always been problematic, and not just for parents of teenagers worried about the latest dangerous trend. The bigger issue is that the app is owned by ByteDance, a Chinese company. And, as the Director of the FBI, Christopher Wray, just reminded lawmakers, "Chinese companies are required to essentially... do whatever the Chinese government wants them to do in terms of sharing information or serving as a tool of the Chinese government."

TikTok is problematic because, well, China is problematic. And, it's something the FBI is taking

solution and network platform, utilizing smart devices, sensors, locator tags, and the UndrCovr application, which allows users to pair locator tags with mobile phones for personal safety and gateway hubs for institutional safety. <https://smartbzt.com>

- DevJee, Inc. is a tech start-up focused on creating AI and ML solutions for the property management and healthcare industry. <https://www.devjee.com>

- FLVSH is a messaging application that utilizes low-latency Bluetooth to create a mesh network to enable mobile communication without needing to rely upon cell towers.

- Mind Lightning Studio is a content, gaming, and production company.

- Nourish is the first global booking platform for customized in-flight meals, which are distributed mid-air by the in-flight crews during meal services.

Project Recess is an ed tech consultancy that partners with K-12 schools to provide meaningful professional development opportunities. <https://projectrecess.org>

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](http://www.queenschamber.org)

About the Queens Tech Council: - The Queens Tech Council focuses on building an economy that embraces innovation and promotes tech adoption, from existing giants in established industries to startups working on cutting edge applications. This means ensuring Queens is producing the talent that companies look for, that Queens-based tech companies are able to get the resources and capital they need, and that businesses in traditional industries are able to adapt to the changing economy, successfully integrate new technologies, and upskill their workforces to remain competitive and thrive in the years to come. <https://www.queenstechcouncil.com/>

seriously.

The problems include "the possibility that the Chinese government could use it to control data collection on millions of users," Wray said. "Or control the recommendation algorithm, which could be used for influence operations if they so chose. Or to control software on millions of devices, which gives it opportunity to potentially technically compromise personal devices."

"That's plenty of reason by itself to be extremely concerned," Wray

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(Mar. 21 - April 20)

Be supportive in order to avoid confrontations. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky numbers are: 6,3,1

**TAURUS**

(Apr. 21 - May 21)

Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs. You should be looking into making changes around the house. Your lucky numbers are: 9,5,3

**GEMINI**

(May 22 - June 21)

Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. You need some help this week. Too many opportunities and too many changes going on. Your lucky numbers are: 1,4,7

**CANCER**

(June 22 - July 22)

You will be uncertain of your feelings. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,8

**LEO**

(July 23 - Aug 22)

You may have some difficulties with someone you live with. Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. Your lucky numbers are: 4,2,9

**VIRGO**

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

Don't take sides if you wish to remain on good terms with both parties. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. Your lucky numbers are: 9,3,5

**LIBRA**

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Make plans to do something special with the one you love. Your lucky numbers are: 9,4,3

**SCORPIO**

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. Children or friends may try to talk you into lending them money. Your lucky numbers are: 7,1,8

**SAGITTARIUS**

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Think of joining a health club that will benefit your physical appearance. Travel will promote romantic connections. Your lucky numbers are: 4,9,7

**CAPRICORN**

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Don't let other people meddle in your private affairs. Your lucky numbers are: 9,4,2

**AQUARIUS**

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. Try to visit a country that excites you. You will have a little more energy than usual. lucky numbers are: 3,1,9

**PISCES**

(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Don't let situations get out of control. Your lucky numbers are: 6,8,1

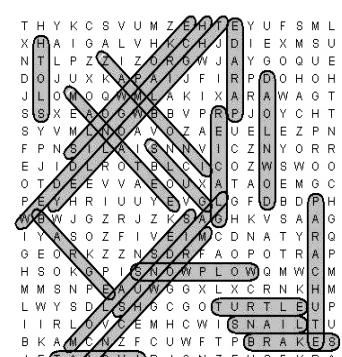
**Did You Know?**

- Aichmophobia is the fear of needles and pointed objects
- Akousticophobia is the fear of noises
- Amathophobia is the fear of dust
- Atychiphobia is the fear of failure
- Brontophobia is the fear of thunderstorms
- Catoptrophobia is the fear of mirrors
- Dendrophobia is the fear of trees
- Gatophobia is the fear of cats
- Heliophobia is the fear of sunlight
- Whelminthophobia is the fear of worms
- Wherpetophobia is the fear of reptiles
- Hippophobia is the fear of horses
- Iatrophobia is the fear of doctors
- Ichthyophobia is the fear of fish
- Melissophobia is the fear of bees
- Melophobia is the fear of music
- Myrmecophobia is the fear of ants
- Wombrophobia is the fear of rain

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles****"Sudoku"**

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## Liu, NYS DOT, And Northeast Queens Residents Break Ground On Green Barrier

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After enduring years of relentless visual, noise and air pollution from the adjacent highway, members of the Bayside Town House community sought assistance from Senator Liu who secured \$250,000 in funding for the green barrier to help improve the quality of life for neighbors along the highway.

The green barrier will consist of a mixture of approximately 350 evergreens that, once fully grown, will provide dense, year-round vegetation among the existing deciduous trees between nearby homes and the highway. Research shows Evergreens are a visually appealing and effective noise blocking plant that are effective at absorbing high frequency sounds and will provide a visual barrier year-round. Plantings will consist of a mixture of Eastern Red Cedar, Mountain Laurel, American Holly and Viburnum that will grow to about 10-15 feet in 5-10 years.

Planting work along the side of the highway is expected to be completed by mid-December.

Senator John Liu stated, "Queens residents here in Bayside have long endured excessive noise, stink and eyesores from the Clearview Expressway. This green barrier will not only insulate this stretch of our community from the persistent din of traffic along the Clearview Expressway, it will also contribute to the beautification and protection of our environment without the unsightliness of traditional sight and sound barrier walls. Many thanks to the State DOT and residents of the Bayside Town House community for working with our office and thinking outside the box to find creative solutions to these long-standing quality of life issues."

"Noise pollution is not only a nuisance, but a hazard that can adversely impact public health and overall quality of life," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "The green sound barrier that



is being constructed along the Clearview Expressway will serve to mitigate the burden of noise pollution and provide necessary relief. I thank Senator Liu for securing funding and NYS DOT for their planning and execution to make this project a reality for Bayside residents who live near this active thoroughfare."

NYS DOT Regional Director, Craig Ruyle stated, "These plantings will not only enrich the environment but also help to enhance the quality of life for

residents living along the northbound Clearview Expressway at this location. The New York State Department of Transportation is pleased that the project is now getting underway."

Jon Rosenblum President of the Bayside Town Houses stated, "The Clearview Expressway has been an ongoing problem for our community, and we're happy this project is coming to fruition. Many thanks to Senator Liu and our partners in government for making it happen."

## Flushing Landmarks to Host the 35th Annual Historic Holiday House Tour

Wine isn't the only thing that gets better with age! Four Flushing landmarks will open their doors to the public during the 35th Annual Holiday Historic House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The participating sites—Bowne House, Flushing Friends Meetinghouse, Kingsland Homestead, and Voelker Orth House — will be decorated as they were during their first holiday seasons. Plus, each one will offer time-honored activities and refreshments.

General admission is \$20, but children can attend for \$12 each. Visitors will walk, drive, or take public transportation at their own pace to the venues, whose descriptions follow.

English-born religious freedom advocate John Bowne built the Bowne House (37-01 Bowne St.) in circa 1661. It's the borough's oldest domicile and has city, state, and federal landmark status. Nine generations of the Bowne and Parsons families lived in the residence until 1945, when



it became a museum. The Bowne House is known for its association with the principles of freedom of conscience and religious liberty. It's also a facility for research on Underground Railroad history. The structure has a unique blend of Dutch and English construction techniques.

When the Flushing Friends Meetinghouse (137-16 Northern

Bld.) was constructed in 1694, it was the first house of worship in a town that was then called "Vlissingen." The two-story building's architecture reflects Quaker restraint and simplicity although an unusually steep roof shows some Dutch influence. The walls and roof are shingled and the inside

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## Lions Club Donates Walker to Patient at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens Diabetes Center



Pictured from left to right: Devindra Persaud, Lions Club Vice President; Stephane Thermonfils, Community Health Worker, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; Richard Hencke, Assistant Director-Community Affairs, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; Mandri Fenty, patient, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; Ravi Rampal, Assistant Coordinating Manager-Ambulatory Care, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; Romeo Hitlall, Lions Club President.

Members of the local Lions Club visited the Diabetes Center at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens to donate a folding walker to a patient that was identified by members of the hospital's Community Health Worker (CHW) program. One of the primary goals of the CHW program is to help address the social needs of the hospital's most vulnerable patients by linking them to vital resources within the community. The patient who graciously accepted the walker, Mandri Fenty, has been struggling

with numerous health issues over the years and was in desperate need of a walker to help improve her stability and mobility. Members of our CHW team reached out to the Lions Club about the patient's situation, and they immediately responded by purchasing a brand new walker for Ms. Fenty. The hospital is extremely grateful for its partnership with the Lions Club and thanks the organization's President, Romeo Hitlall, and Vice President, Devindra Persaud, for their generosity.

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## Queen Artist Clare Stokolosa Creates Painting For Queens Historical Society Painting of Landmark Tree to be Part of Museum Collection

Queens artist Clare Stokolosa created a painting of the Weeping Beech Tree which stands at the park on the grounds of the Queens Historical Society Kingsland Homestead in Flushing.

The painting, unveiled at the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the landmark tree in October, will be part of an upcoming exhibit about the museum and the historic tree in Weeping Beech Park which provides the community with a natural setting for relaxation and enjoyment.

Creating the painting the artist says she wanted to portray the tree in the same way that she approaches her portraits, and capture its qualities of strength and delicateness. "I work with portraits and I wanted to show its essence, the trunk, which is strong, and the cascading leaves which are delicate and provide shade," said Clare who was commissioned for the painting by QHS trustee Maria Becce and her family.

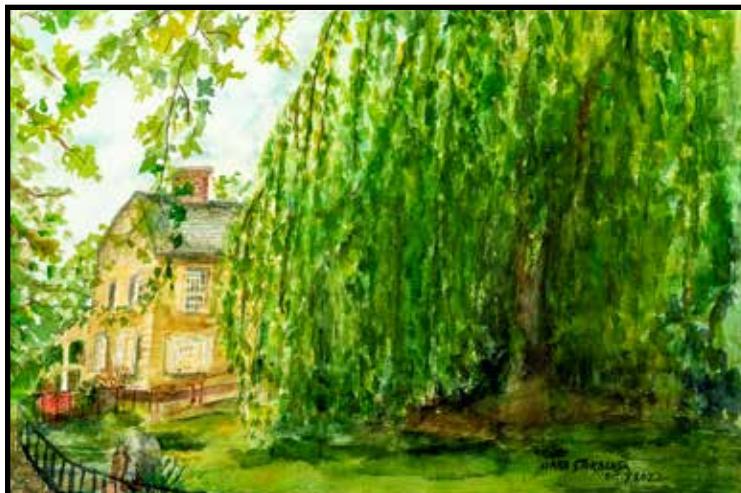
Clare hopes the painting will make the community aware of the beauty of the tree, the park and museum. "It's a place where people can come to a tranquil environment to relax and enjoy nature and history in the center of bustling downtown Flushing," she said.

The stately tree traces back to a tree planted in 1847 with seeds brought to America from Belgium by Flushing nursery owner Samuel Bowne Parsons, according to QHS Executive

Director Jason Antos. It became a landmark in 1966 and the first living landmark in New York City. The current tree is the direct offspring of the original, which died in 1998, and lives on in Flushing and throughout the country.

For more information about the artist Clare's website is [www.clarestokolosa.com](http://www.clarestokolosa.com)

For the history of the tree go to QHS Website: Rooted In Flushing: Celebrating 175 Years of the



Weeping Beech Tree | Queen Historical Society – Kingsland Homestead ([queenshistorical.org](http://queenshistorical.org))

## New Exhibition 'Dan Perri And The Art Of The Title Sequence' Explores Unsung Aspect Of Filmmaking

A film's opening credit sequence can impress itself on the viewer as strongly as any other cinematic element. From distilling the story into letterforms to creating an introductory film-before-the-film, the title designer can establish the tone, often in combination with music, that ushers the viewer into the world of a movie. Today, Museum of the Moving Image opens the new exhibition Dan Perri and the Art of the Title Sequence, which explores the art of title sequence design by focusing on one of its most acclaimed practitioners. Dan Perri's work in the industry spans 50 years, with title sequences that include the screaming sales pitch of Nashville, the neon glow of Taxi Driver, the opening crawl of Star Wars, the dripping paint of The Warriors, the jagged edges of A Nightmare on Elm Street, and many others.

Dan Perri and the Art of the Title Sequence was organized by Barbara Miller, Deputy Director



for Curatorial Affairs, and guest curator Lola Landekic, Editor-in-Chief of Art of the Title. The exhibition will be on view through January 1, 2023 in the Museum's Video Screening Amphitheater and gallery.

A legend in the field of optical title design, Perri is perhaps best

known for creating the opening crawl that triumphantly heralded the arrival of Star Wars—one of the most identifiable and imitated pieces of title design ever created. And yet this is just one example out of a long career that also in-

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## NYSCI Small Discoveries Exhibit



Walter, 9, and Helen, 5, from Sunnyside explore a microbe at the New York Hall of Science's Small Discoveries exhibit this weekend. The exhibit showcases the power of microscopy and the role of microbes in their environment. The science museum is open NYSCI is open daily from 10AM to 5PM. Photo courtesy of the New York Hall of Science.

## CM Won Statement on Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises



nently affordable units, double the developers' original offer; 500 units at 30% AMI; 157 units for our unhoused neighbors that will also cover the difference between the voucher subsidy and market rate rent; and a \$2 million anti-displacement and anti-tenant-harassment fund that will provide legal representation to renters in the project area," said Council Member Julie Won, "I am diligently finalizing negotiations for commitments from the developer and the Mayoral administration. As the council member, I will utilize every accountability measure to ensure that our community wins are actualized."



## NYSCI, Community Leaders Donate 100,000 lbs of Food to 10,000 Families

Leaders from the New York Hall of Science joined together with leaders from La Jornada NY Food Pantry and Elmhurst Corona Recovery Collaborative on Saturday to donate 100,000 pounds of food to 10,000 Queens families. The community event also offered free COVID and flu vaccines, STEM and art activities for children, and a winter coat donation. New York State Assemblymember Catalina Cruz, MetroPlus Health, the Hispanic Federation, Mosner Family Brands, and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored the event.

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.
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- 3,000 local teachers participate in professional development each year.
- 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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## 'Tis the Season to Win Big at Resorts World

The holiday season is upon us, and Resorts World has plenty of giveaways throughout the month of December to help you close out the year with a bang. Plus, if you're still looking for a place to ring in the New Year, look no further – we've got several options for you to welcome 2023.

Here's a full list of events and promotions at Resorts World New York City:

- First Night Car Giveaway Start the year with a brand-new car!
- Sunday, January 1 at 8:00 p.m. Earn one entry for every 100 points in the month of December to win a brand-new Ford Explorer XLT!

- Earn Double Entries Every Sunday! Visit Genting Rewards or our Casino Promotions for more information.
- \$70,000 Happy Holiday Slot Tournaments Win \$2,500 cash every day! Wednesdays & Thursdays in December 3:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. The top 12 scores each day will win a share of over \$7,000 cash and Free Slot Play, with 1st Place taking \$2,500 cash! Each session winner receives a \$50 gift card!
- \$30,000 Holiday Cash Giveaway Win up to \$10,000 cash!

Sunday, December 25 at 6:00 p.m. Eight winners will be drawn at 6:00 p.m. to win a share of \$30,000 cash!

Earn an entry for every 68 points on any Electronic Table Game from December 12 through December 25.

- New Year's Eve Ring in 2023 at Resorts World New York City!
  - Starting at \$623 per room, per night
  - Overnight stay in a King suite
  - \$25 dining credit
  - Commemorative NYE champagne and glasses for you to enjoy in your room
- Booking code: NYE

## City Council Committee Takes First Step to Approve over 5,000 Units of New Housing – More than 65% Affordable – to Address City's Housing Crisis in Votes on Innovation Queens and Innovative Urban Village

As New York City faces a severe affordable housing crisis, the City Council Committee on Zoning and Franchises voted to approve two projects in Queens (Innovation Queens) and Brooklyn (Innovative Urban Village) that would collectively create over 5,000 units of new housing, and more than 65% (over 3,200 units) designated as affordable. The committee vote represents the first step in the Council's land use process. The developments would create over 1,600 units (more than 30%) for extremely or very low-income households – apartments costing \$700 to \$1,167 for individuals with incomes between \$28,020 and \$46,700 or those priced at \$750 to \$1,501 for a family of three with incomes between \$36,030 and \$60,050. Deeply affordable housing units are currently the most scarcely available in New York City during this housing crisis.

"New Yorkers urgently need af-

fordable housing now, as the housing crisis perpetuates a scarcity of available homes and inflated housing prices," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Council Members Won and Barron have been vigorously negotiating these projects, making important progress to improve their affordability and expand community benefits. As it stands today, they would create over 5,000 units of housing, 65 percent of which would be affordable and 30 percent for extremely or very low-income households. Today's Committee vote is a first step to keep these projects moving forward, while negotiations continue, in light of finite land use timelines. The conversations on these projects continue and additional votes remain, but it is clear that we must create thousands of affordable homes with deep affordability if we want to ensure our city remains a place for New Yorkers to thrive."

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## Gillibrand, Blackburn, Hirono, Graham Statement On House Passage Of The Speak Out Act

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) applauded the passage of the Speak Out Act in the House of Representatives. The Speak Out Act is a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would prohibit predispute non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in instances of sexual harassment or sexual assault. Senator Gillibrand leads this bill in the Senate, which passed by unanimous consent on September 29, 2022. The House companion bill is led by Representatives Lois Frankel (D-FL) and Ken Buck (R-CO) and passed by a vote of 315-109.

"Today, the House voted to strengthen workplace protections and guard against the use of pre-

dispute NDAs in sexual harassment and sexual assault cases, which are often used to coerce silence," said the senators. "Earlier this year, we voided forced arbitration agreements for sexual assault and sexual harassment, and the Speak Out Act is the important next step in our mission to reform our workplaces for the better. I urge President Biden to sign this bill into law expeditiously so we can fix this broken system and help end the days of institutional protection for perpetrators."

Under current law, organizations can use NDAs to prevent survivors of sexual harassment or assault from speaking publicly about these incidents. The threat of legal retaliation creates and enables a culture of silence that

allows predators to continue their illegal conduct, while their victims are forced out of their careers and denied justice.

The Speak Out Act would:

1. Prohibit the applicability of predispute NDAs between employers and current, former, and prospective employees, as well as independent contractors, in cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment;
2. Prohibit the applicability of predispute NDAs between providers of goods and services and consumers in cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment; and
3. Allow states to enact additional protections beyond the Speak Out Act's protections—setting a floor, not a ceiling, for restricting NDA enforceability.

## NYC Health + Hospitals Announces National Recognition For Reducing Blood Pressure

*The awards recognize outpatient programs around the nation for best practices in managing hypertension, or high blood pressure, a leading cause of heart attack and stroke*

NYC Health + Hospitals today announced all 11 of its hospitals and 7 of its Gotham Health sites were recognized by the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association for their work in managing hypertension, or high blood pressure, a leading cause of heart attack and stroke. Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. have some form of cardiovascular disease, including heart attack, stroke or heart failure. Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a leading risk factors for cardiovascular disease, but with timely diagnosis, research-based treatment and education, this condition can be managed.

"1 in 4 New Yorkers has high blood pressure, a leading cause of heart attack and stroke," said Machelle Allen, MD, Chief Medical Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals. "Patients are often surprised to learn they have high blood pressure because they don't feel sick. That's why it's so important that our hospitals and primary care sites are committed to helping patients manage their high blood pressure. I thank the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association for bringing attention to this critical issue."

"This recognition from the AHA and AMA is a testament to the hard work that our staff do each day to support patients with hypertension," said Nichola Davis, MD, MS, Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals. "Blood pressure control is critical in reducing risk of cardiovascular events, and our staff work with patients in

many ways including teaching them about their medications, as well as assisting them in making lifestyle changes to improve their blood pressure. I am extremely proud that as a health system, we recognize the importance of treating blood pressure and are able to provide patients with the tools they need to achieve and sustain blood pressure control."

"NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health is committed to sharply reducing the number of heart attacks and strokes for our fellow New Yorkers each year," said Michelle Lewis, NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health's Chief Executive Officer. "I am very proud Gotham Health provides high quality, accessible, and affordable health care to our diverse community every day. This trifecta allows our patients to effectively manage their health by helping to reduce contributors to cardiovascular disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and stress triggers."

The hospitals won the following Target: BP awards from the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association this year:

- Target BP Gold+
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Cumberland
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Gouverneur
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Morrisania
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull
- Target BP Gold

- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Belvis
- Target BP Silver
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, East New York
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, North Brooklyn
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi
- NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens
- Target BP Participant
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Sydenham
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem

"Addressing blood pressure management is key for better cardiovascular health – and critical today, when heart disease and stroke continue to be leading causes of death for Americans," said Howard Haft, M.D., MMM, CPE, FACPE, volunteer science expert for the American Heart Association and executive director of the Maryland Primary Care Program, in Baltimore. "The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize NYC Health + Hospitals for its commitment to managing patient risk factors related to high blood pressure."

The American Heart Association and American Medical Association confer Target BP Gold+ status to practices that meet the Gold status criteria and complete 4 of 6 evidence-based BP activities; Gold status to practices that have 70 percent or more of their adult patient population with high blood pressure controlled; Silver status to practices that submit data and complete 4 of 6 evidence-based BP activities; and Participant status to practices that submit data for the first-time and commit to reducing the number of adult patients with uncontrolled blood pressure.

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cluded The Exorcist, Nashville, Taxi Driver, Raging Bull, Days of Heaven, Caddyshack, A Nightmare on Elm Street, Blood Simple, Insomnia, The Aviator, and more.

Alongside a presentation of

some of Perri's most iconic work, the exhibition includes a video interview, sketches, storyboards, type, logo designs, and other production material from a broad range of films—as well as alternate designs that were not used in completed films.

## Flushing Landmarks to Host the 35th Annual Historic Holiday House Tour

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features dark floorboards, no frills benches, and hand-made timber frames. Quakers did not use headstones until the mid 1820s, so it's difficult to determine all of those who are buried in the graveyard, but it's the final resting place for a number of prominent members. These include noted abolitionists William Burling and Matthew Franklin; Samuel Leggett, who founded The New York Gas Light Company; John Murray Jr., who co-founded the Free School Society and The Society for the Manumission of Slaves. The above-mentioned John Bowe, who donated the land upon which the meetinghouse was built, is buried in an unmarked grave on site. On Dec. 11, visitors will be able to walk around the grounds and view the historic cemetery.

On Dec. 11, visitors will be able to walk around the grounds and view the historic cemetery. After meeting at the Bowe House for 30 years, Quakers built the Flushing Friends Meetinghouse as a result of the hard-won struggle for religious freedom.

Charles Doughty, a wealthy Quaker's son, built a Victorian domicile in 1785. The estate became Kingsland Homestead (143-35 37th Ave.) after his son-in-law, British sea captain Joseph King, bought it in 1801. Five generations of the King/Murray family lived there until the 1930s. In 1968, the dwelling was moved from its original address to its current location, where it serves as the Queens Historical Society's headquar-

ters. The two-story Long Island half house has a gambrel roof, a crescent-shaped window in a side gable, a Federal-period chimney piece with an iron Franklin stove, and a Dutch-style, two-level front door. On the second floor, the Victorian Room features a melodeon manufactured by Carhard, Needham & Co., lacework, and items such as family notebooks. Everything is arranged to reflect life in 1870, when 10 people – two young couples and their children – lived in the house.

Voelker Orth House, (149-19 38th Ave.) which dates to 1891, provided shelter to three generations of a family with German roots. The Voelker granddaughter, Elisabeth Orth (1926-1995) bequeathed her estate to establish the museum, preserving a view of Flushing's past. The garden contains many popular plants and berry bushes of the late 19th century. They are maintained with time-honored gardening techniques (no pesticides) for birds, butterflies and honey bees to feast upon and pollinate. On Dec. 11, pianist Kenneth Gartman will play holiday songs throughout the afternoon, while the venue provides hot cider and a cookie sampler. Visitors can shop for holiday gifts, plants, and honey from the backyard. The exhibition Walking in the Cosmos is on view.

Voelker Orth will honor the multi-house passes, but it will also provide admission to its property only for \$12.

## Chairman Jeffries Statement On Majority Leader Steny Hoyer

"Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has helped guide House Democrats through some of the most defining challenges of the 21st century. He is a tremendous statesman, accomplished legislator, principled dealmaker and, equally important, a Member's Member.

Through his service as Majority Leader and Minority Whip in this body, Steny has improved millions of lives. He has been a fierce defender of American workers and instrumental in ensuring that we continue to "Make It In America." As a masterful coalition builder,

he has garnered respect on both sides of the aisle from an entire generation of colleagues and this institution is immeasurably better off because of his dedication to the People's House.

Steny truly embodies what it means to be a public servant and I am so grateful for the wisdom he has provided to me and countless others. For over three decades now, the Members of our Caucus have benefited from Steny's leadership, and I look forward to continuing to serve alongside him in the 118th Congress."



## Con Edison Wins ReliabilityOne® Awards For Reliable Service, Technology Development

### Veteran Employee is Named Company's Outstanding Contributor

Con Edison has earned awards from PA Consulting for providing reliable electric service and for its development of new technology.

The company won the 2022 ReliabilityOne® Award for Outstanding Reliability Performance in the Northeast Metropolitan Service Area and the Outstanding Technology & Innovation Award.

In addition, Thomas Karakatsanis, chief engineer in Con Edison's Engineering and Planning group, earned PA Consulting's Outstanding Contributor to Reliability Award. Karakatsanis, who is known throughout the company as "Tommy K.," has been with Con Edison since 1987.

"Our success in maintaining industry-leading safe and reliable service for our customers would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our employees," said Shakira Wilson, Con Edison's vice president, Engineering and Planning. "We continue to focus on our Clean Energy Commitment and support our customers in meeting their climate goals with robust energy efficiency programs."

"Grid sustainability continues to be a major issue that the industry must take more seriously," Gregg Edeson and Derek HasBrouck, PA Consulting's ReliabilityOne® co-program directors, said in a statement. "This year we are celebrating utilities that are providing high levels of reliability and resilience while integrating clean energy assets and greater clean resource diversity into their operations. Congratulations to Con Edison for its clean energy efforts."

All utilities operating

dense electric delivery networks in North America are eligible for consideration for the ReliabilityOne® Award for stellar service in a metropolitan region. There are eight metropolitan service regional awards, including Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Plains, Mountains, West, Southeast, and Southwest.

The selection of provisional recipients is primarily based on statistics that measure the frequency and duration of customer outages that occur on each company's electric delivery system.

After provisional recipients are selected, each company undergoes a certification process that provides an independent review and confirmation of the policies, processes and systems used to collect, analyze and report a company's reliability results.

Con Edison earned the Outstanding Technology & Innovation Award for developing enhanced supervisory control and data acquisition, also known as SCADA. That technology provides operators with increased visibility into system conditions and allows them to proactively reconfigure the interconnection to efficiently route power when other equipment is out of service.

Con Edison is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. [NYSE: ED], one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$14 billion in annual revenues and \$66 billion in assets. The utility delivers electricity, natural gas and steam, and serves 3.5 million customers in New York City and Westchester County. Through Consolidated Edison Inc.'s subsidiary, Con Edison Clean Energy Businesses, the company is the second-largest owner of solar electric projects in

North America.

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## City Council Committee Takes First Step to Approve over 5,000 Units of New Housing – More than 65% Affordable – to Address City's Housing Crisis in Votes on Innovation Queens and Innovative Urban Village

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mixed-use housing development in East New York by longtime neighborhood stakeholder Christian Cultural Center, would create nearly 2,000 affordable housing units – 200 for senior housing and 100 homeownership opportunities. Over 1,100 rental units (60%) would be reserved for extremely or very low-income households – individuals with incomes between \$28,020 and \$46,700 or a family of

three with incomes between \$36,030 and \$60,050. The remaining 750 rental units would be set aside for low-income residents, and 100 homeownership opportunities reserved for moderate-income households at 80 to 93 percent of area median income. The development would provide a range of additional community benefits, including a 24 hour/7 days daycare, a cyber cafe, workforce training center, a fresh food grocery store, a performing arts center, publicly accessible open space,

shuttle service to subway stations, and resilient and sustainable features.

"New York City is facing a dire affordable housing crisis that we must confront with urgency," said Council Member Kevin Riley, Chair of the Council's Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises. "Today's committee vote represents an important step forward to advance two projects that will create over 5,000 units of new housing, with more than 65

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## PSC Moves 4 Major Wind Projects Forward

### Commission Approves Compliance Filings for Renewable Energy Projects

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved important compliance filings for four major wind farms in upstate New York, part of the continuing effort of the Commission to spur the development of clean, renewable energy in New York State. The actions taken today were needed before the projects could start certain construction related activities or become operational.

"These renewable energy projects that are being built are crucial to meeting the aggressive carbon reduction and clean-energy targets set out by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act," said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian. "Projects such as these are vital in combatting climate change by reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, boosting clean-energy investment, creating clean-energy jobs, and improving our environment."

The compliance filings, considered among the last steps before a project becomes operational, relate to the following projects: Eight Point Wind, a 101.8-megawatt (MW) wind farm in the Towns of Greenwood and West Union in Steuben County; Bluestone Wind, a 124-MW wind farm in the Towns of Windsor and Sanford in Broome County; Baron Winds, a 242-MW wind farm in the Towns of Cohocton, Dansville, Fremont, and Wayland, Steuben County; and Number Three Wind, a 105.8-MW wind farm in the Towns of Lowville and Harrisburg, Lewis County.

Bluestone Wind's compliance relates to the submission of the final complaint resolution, emergency action, site security, health and safety, and curtailment plans, as well as bald and golden eagle, bat and

avian monitoring and protection measures and net conservation benefit plans. Baron Winds' compliance relates to emergency procedures, site security, turbine lighting, maps and site plans, bat curtailment, eagle mitigation, avian and bat-monitoring and adaptive management plans as well as installation of aircraft detection lighting systems.

Eight Point Wind's compliance relates to shadow flicker caused by wind turbine operation; avian and bat monitoring and adaptive management, and net conservation benefit plans. And finally, Number Three Wind's compliance relates to net conservation benefit plans for grassland birds, plans for post construction bat and avian monitoring, emergency response plans, site security plans, and operations and maintenance plans, including for facility and corridor-vegetation management plans.

These four projects are among the 18 renewable energy projects approved to date by the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board). Taken together, solar and wind farm projects approved by the Siting Board will generate more than 2,510 MWs of clean, renewable energy.

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan  
New York State's nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon

neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$35 billion in 120 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.6 billion in NY Green Bank commitments.

Combined, these investments are supporting nearly 158,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2020, a 2,100 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011 and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. Under the Climate Act, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.

Today's decisions may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) and entering Case Numbers 15-F-0122 [Baron Winds]; 16-F-0559 [Bluestone Wind]; 16-F-0062 [Eight Point Wind]; and 16-F-0328 [Number Three] in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.

## The FBI Has A Warning For Tiktok Users. Why It Says You Should Be 'Extremely Concerned'

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accessing other apps or data.

added. He's right, and it's something everyone should consider.

To be fair, it's less likely that the Chinese government could use TikTok to exploit devices directly. Apple's App Store Review process is designed maintains strict control over the software that can be installed on iPhones, and Google has a similar process for reviewing apps to prevent malicious code from compromising your device. In addition, on the iPhone, apps run in a sandbox, preventing them from

user data is protected.

Previously, the Trump administration tried to block TikTok completely, along with another Chinese app, WeChat. That led to a very strange series of events that included the possibility of Microsoft buying TikTok. In the end, that didn't happen, and Oracle was chosen instead to sort of safeguard data of American users.

The Biden Administration has sought a deal that would route all of TikTok's traffic for U.S. users through servers owned by Oracle. The company would also presumably audit TikTok's algorithm to ensure

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EVIUM CHARGING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/2/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to David Fenig 152 Beach 6th St Far Rockaway NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022

Notice of Formation of CIRCADIAN RISE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/09/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Road, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

Notice of formation of Iris Han, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 8/6/22. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 3 Court Sq #1508 Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

Stuart215 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/22/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 130-14 158th St., Jamaica, NY 11434. General Purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

OPRX 11374, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/24/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Old Country Rd., Ste. 347, Carle Place, NY 11514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 63-20 99th St., Rego Park, NY 11374. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

FRANCO TAX & ADVISORY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Manuel Franco, 101-11 108th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

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182NDPLC LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/29/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. for svce of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: the LLC, at 90-18 182nd Place, Hollis, NY 11423. Any lawful purpose. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

Notice of Formation of 53-20 44TH STREET OWNER, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o The Bay Crane Companies, Inc., 11-02 43rd Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022

Notice of Formation: FLUSHING ALLURE LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY(SSNY) on 03/11/2022. Office Loc.: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: QILI LI, 3366 FARRINGTON STREET, SUITE 200, FLUSHING, NY, 11354, USA. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

8747 116 St LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/23/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Medardo Arichabala, 107-37 93 St., Ozone Park, NY 11417. General Purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

Notice of Formation of ATREVIDO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/22/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4509 104 Street, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2022

67-22 Fresh Pond Road LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/12/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Calogero & Maria Noto, 158-16 89th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purpose. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022

8230 Parsons LLC filed w/ SSNY on 10/11/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 30-55 37th St., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2022

SJRichmond LLC filed w/ SSNY on 11/4/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 126-15 89th Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: any lawful. 11/17,24,12/1,8,15&22/2022

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**ADMINISTRATION CITATION - FILE NO. 2016-4407/A SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Christena D'Costa, Queens County Public Administrator, The heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Eugene D'Costa deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by BARB ESSMAN, PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, N.A., who is domiciled at 3232 NEWMARK DRIVE, MIAMISBURG, OH 45342. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 62, Queens County Courthouse, Jamaica, NY 11435, on December 8, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Eugene D'Costa lately domiciled at 102-33 Corona Avenue, Corona, New York 11368, in the County of Queens, State of New York, granting Limited Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Christena D'Costa, distributee of the Decedent, and upon their default or failure to qualify, then to the Queens County Public Administrator, and if they are permitted to renounce, then to Gregory Savran, Esq., the nominee of the Petitioner, or to such other person as may be entitled thereto; That the authority of the representative under the foregoing Letters be limited as follows: for the sole purpose of accepting service of process on behalf of the Estate of Eugene D'Costa a/k/a Eugene D'Costa in a Foreclosure Action commenced in Queens County Supreme Court on October 20, 2009 under Index No.: 28232/2009 regarding real property known as and located at 102-33 Corona Avenue, Corona, NY 11368. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS LIMITED. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF

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REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Dated, Attested and Sealed, October 12, 2022. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate. JANET TUCKER, Chief Clerk. Aldridge Pite, LLP-Susan A. West, Esq., 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 454-8059. Note: This citation is served upon you as requested by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 11/3,10,17&24/2022

Notice of Formation of 9108 ROOSEVELT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/02/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o MCO, 111-15 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/17,24,1,8,15&22/2022

Notice of formation of 76-21 170TH STREET LLC, a limited liability company. Art of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2022. Office located in QUEENS. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o 76-21 170TH STREET LLC. 76-21 170TH STREET FRESH MEADOWS NY 11366 Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

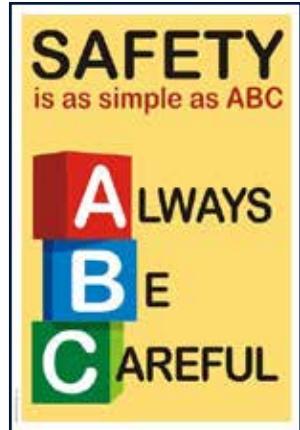
AARG CAPITAL LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/8/2022. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 141-03 71st Ave, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: any lawful act. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2022

2340 27 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/22. 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, 2340 27th Street, Queens, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2022

Mejor Amiga Appliances, LLC filed w/ SSNY on 11/18/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 163-07 Depot Rd., Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2022

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Notice of Formation of TREMAINE SECURITY SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/01/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 167-20 144th Drive, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2022



## The FBI Has A Warning For Tiktok Users. Why It Says You Should Be 'Extremely Concerned'

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where you are when you watch them.

The only point that matters is that the company doesn't have a choice. If China orders TikTok to hand over user data, it will have to hand over whatever data it has.

Currently, TikTok says that engineers in China only have access to data that is public, like the videos posted on the platform or comments. Private user data is supposed to be walled off.

Location data, in particular, is problematic.

There's really no reason TikTok needs your location in order to show you random videos of people dancing. Even if you see apps collecting your data as the price you pay for free services, that's a lot different than an app collecting your data and handing it over to a hostile government. That's not to say TikTok has bad intentions. I have no idea whether anyone at TikTok or ByteDance cares about what videos you watch or

## City Council Committee Takes First Step to Approve over 5,000 Units of New Housing . . .

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New Yorkers, with demand far outpacing supply to increase housing costs. The most affordable housing units are the least available in New York City, with the vacancy rate for the lowest-income apartments equaling less than one percent, according to the City's Housing and Vacancy Survey. Both of these projects are a step in the right direction."

The housing crisis fac-

ing the City is the result of a shortage of homes for



Let us take this time to reflect  
on all we have to be grateful for this  
Thanksgiving Day.  
Happy Thanksgiving to All.



## **Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. New York State Senator District 15**

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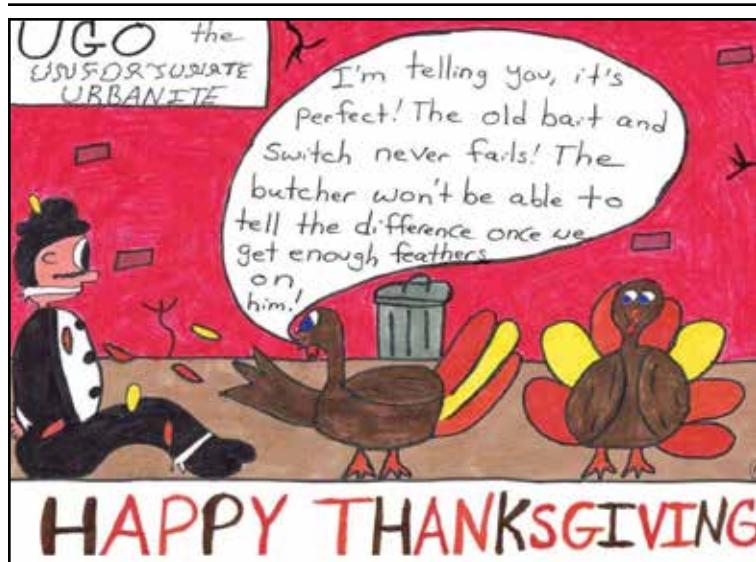
## **Elder Fraud Presentation**



Recently, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz hosted a Fraud Presentation and Luncheon for our senior citizens in Woodside to discuss reported scam tactics, financial security tips and prevention strategies. If you need help, don't hesitate to contact my

Frauds Bureau at 718-286-6673 or Frauds@queensda.org

QDA Katz said "Just as we take steps to hold drivers of crime accountable, we also work every day to prevent members of the public from falling victim in the first place."



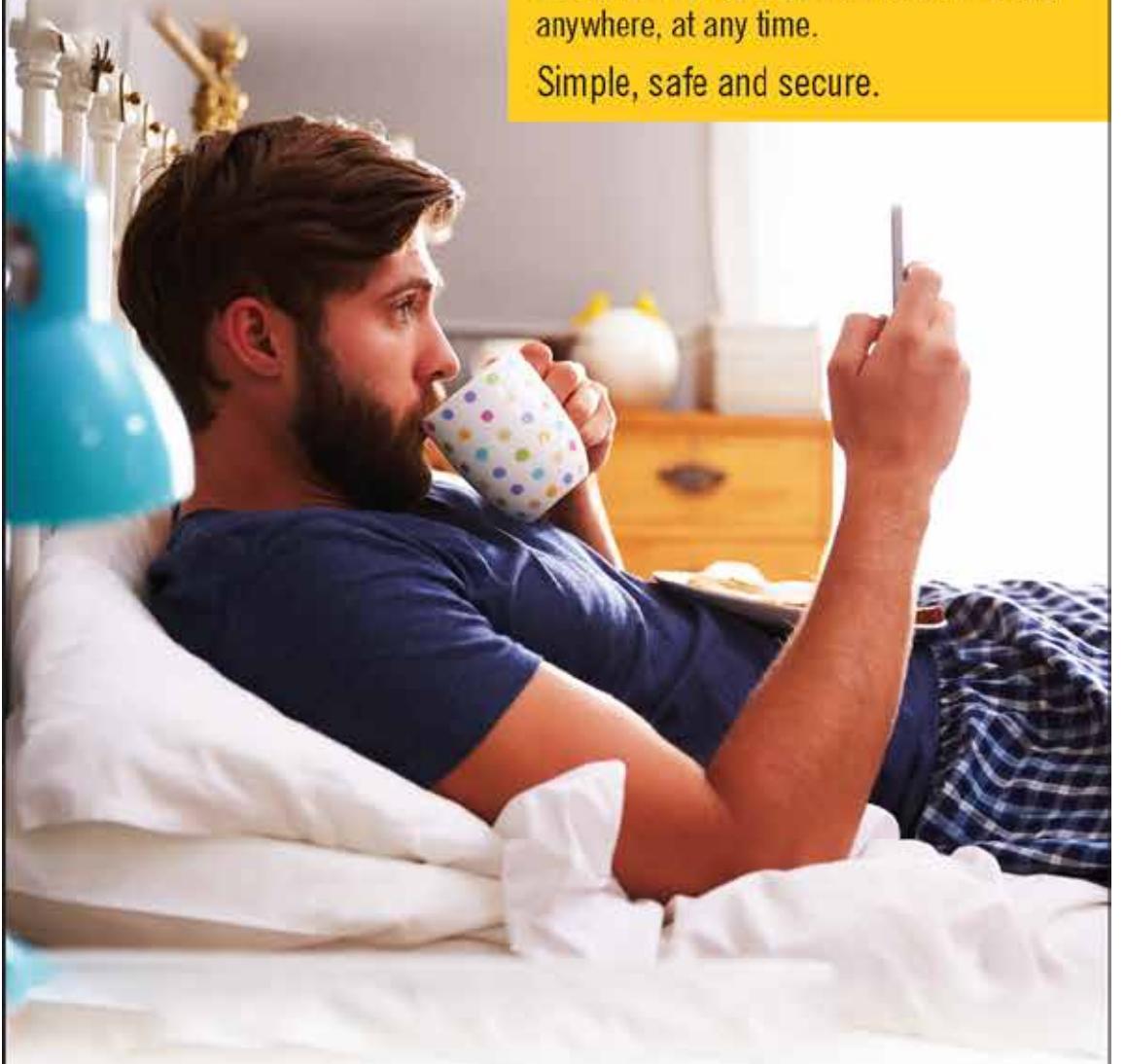
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