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How To Survive A Heart Attacks When You Are Alone

We at the Queens Times felt that all our readers should be made aware of what to do when alone and you feel as though you are experiencing a heart attack. Please read this and share with your family and friends.

For example: Let's say it's 7:25 pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself. The following is a procedure that you should use to wait for help to arrive. First call 911 then.

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?
Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, use this method to help yourself by:

Coughing repeatedly and very vigorously;

A deep breath should be taken before each cough;

The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

Congresswoman Grace Meng at Women's March on Washington



Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-Queens) is pictured, as US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand address the audience, taking part in the Women's March on Washington from this past weekend.

Stacey Pheffer Amato Sworn in to the NYS Assembly With Grand Celebration



Howard Beach, Queens – Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D – Rockaway) being sworn in by her mother, Audrey I. Pheffer, Queens County Clerk. Photo courtesy of Kelly Panicola. See story on page 2.

Crowley Meets With Seniors in Woodside

Discussed How Republicans' Repeal of Health Care Law will Have a Devastating Impact on Seniors



Pictured above Rep. Joe Crowley visits the Woodside Senior Center to discuss the many ways a repeal of the Affordable Care Act would damage Medicare, hurt seniors. See story on page 2.



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Crowley Meets With Seniors in Woodside

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Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, visited the Woodside Senior Center, a Samaritan Village program at the Woodside Houses, to discuss how Republicans' drive to repeal the Affordable Care Act would have devastating consequences for millions of Americans, including seniors, who have benefited from key improvements made to Medicare.

“Repealing the Affordable Care

Act will not just hurt the millions of Americans who found coverage they couldn't get before, but it will also negatively impact the countless individuals who saw improvements made to their existing health care coverage – and that includes our seniors here in New York,” said Rep. Crowley. “Republicans in Congress are wasting no time in working to take away important protections made to Medicare at a time when we should be focusing on strengthening it, not undermining it. Having the opportunity to meet with our

seniors and to hear their personal stories will help me make clear to Republicans that real lives are at stake and that our health care is more important than the political games they want to play.”

Under the Affordable Care Act, the 55 million seniors and people with disabilities enrolled in the Medicare program currently receive free preventive services, such as cancer screenings and wellness visits. In addition, Medicare beneficiaries in the 'donut hole' have saved more than \$23.5 billion on their prescription drugs.

Stacey Pheffer Amato Sworn in to the NYS Assembly With Grand Celebration

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Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Howard Beach) held her inauguration at PS 232 in Lindenwood this past Sunday

Amid an overflowing crowd of dignitaries, elected officials, civic leaders, supporters, friends, and family members in PS 232's auditorium, Stacey Pheffer Amato was officially sworn into office on January 22, 2017.

Opening the ceremony was an inspiring Presentation of Colors and recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Girl Scout Troop #4493 as well as a performance of our National Anthem by Scholars' Academy MS/HS Chorus. Rabbi Yaakov Bender, Dean of Yeshiva Darchei Torah then delivered the Invocation.

The inimitable Master of Ceremonies was retired Justice of the Supreme Court, Honorable Augustus “Auggie” Agate, who kicked off the event with a bang, including a recognition of each elected official present. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer regaled the crowd with an “everything is the same” address, poking fun at the

Assemblywoman's mother, Queens County Clerk Audrey Pheffer, and concluding with the ultimate compliment that he knows Pheffer Amato will continue the great work of her predecessors by fighting for the residents of the 23rd Assembly District as they did.

Following suit were heartfelt, and at times, lighthearted speeches from: Congressman Joseph Crowley, Congressman Gregory Meeks, NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, NYC Public Advocate Letitia A. James, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr., and NYS Senator James Sanders. Each elected official declared their admiration for Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato, along with their eagerness to work alongside her to better the quality of life for the residents of the 23rd Assembly District.

Former Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder, who “retired” from the NYS Assembly this past November, and whose seat Pheffer Amato presumed, imparted words of wisdom and support.

The much anticipated Oath of

Office was then officiated by the Honorable Audrey Pheffer, and the new Assemblywoman was formally sworn in.

The final speaker, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, expressed her great appreciation for all who assisted her through the election process, giving special mention to her family. "I am doing this for you and for your future!" Pheffer Amato emotionally exclaimed, speaking to her children and explaining her motivation for running. She then thanked them for being her inspiration to run for Assembly. The Assemblywoman referred to every community within her district by name, as she pledged to represent them all, and fight to better quality of life for all residents within the 23rd Assembly District. Following, a benediction was then presented by Father Francis Colamaria, Pastor at St. Helens Roman Catholic Church.

"I am deeply touched by the outpouring of support and affection from everyone who took the time to attend my inauguration. I believe the best way I can show my gratitude is by upholding the oath that I took on Sunday," said Pheffer Amato.

Follow This To-Do List as Tax Season Officially Begins

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance have announced important tax tips to follow and common errors to avoid this filing season.

“Our goal is to make tax filing as easy as possible for all New Yorkers,” said New York State Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Nonie Manion. “By following this straightforward advice and being mindful of common mistakes, taxpayers can avoid refund delays and meet their tax obligation in a stress-free way.”

Tips to follow:

1. File and pay electronically – E-filers are 20 times less likely to have an error on their returns and can receive their refunds up to twice as fast as paper return filers.
2. File for free – Taxpayers with incomes of \$64,000 or less are eligible to electronically prepare and file both their federal and NYS returns under the Free File program. To prevent any unexpected charges for the state return, taxpayers should only access free options directly from: www.tax.ny.gov.
3. Use direct deposit – Have your refund directly deposited into your

bank account and receive your refund up to a week faster. Be sure to double check the routing and account numbers for your account.

4. Use free tax assistance sites – Taxpayers with household incomes of \$64,000 or less in 2016 can e-file their state and federal income tax returns for free at any of the Free Tax Assistance Sites statewide. Check here for updates on locations and times. Also, if your income is \$54,000 or less, you're eligible for free federal and state tax preparation by trained IRS and AARP volunteers. Visit IRS: free tax preparation to find a site near you.

5. Always file on time – To avoid penalties and interest, file on time—even if you can't pay in full; the penalties are much higher for late filing than for late payment. 2016 tax returns are due by Tuesday, April 18.

6. Declare all income—All income for full, part-time, temporary, or supplemental employment—whether received in cash or reported on a Form W-2 or Form 1099—is subject to income tax.

7. Sign and date the paper return – You, and your spouse if you file

jointly, must sign your return. If you hire a tax preparer to file your return, the preparer must sign it as well.

8. Get the credits you deserve – Income tax credits can increase your refund or reduce the taxes you owe. One of the most valuable is the Earned Income Tax Credit. Visit the Tax Department website, www.tax.ny.gov/eitc to review eligibility requirements and see if you qualify.

9. Check your refund status online or sign up for email alerts – These are the fastest ways to get updates on your refund.

Thoroughly review your tax return before you submit it to avoid common mistakes. Errors increase processing time and delay any refund due.

Here's a to-do list to help avoid the most common filing errors:

1. enter whole dollar amounts;
2. do not use (brackets) to show a loss;
3. enter withholding and estimated tax on the correct lines;
4. double check Social Security or identification numbers after

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Queensbridge, Nation's Largest Public Housing Development, Celebrates Full Year Without Gun Violence

On Thursday, January 19, community members came together to celebrate 365 days without gun violence at Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City, the nation's largest public housing development. This is the first time in over a decade that the development has gone a year without a shooting.

A number of approaches led to this year of peace: greater in-

vestments in arts and after-school programs at the Jacob Riis Center and nearby schools, better security features in the development including lighting and security cameras, community engagement from PSA 9 and the 114th Precinct, and the Cure Violence program, funded by Council Member Van Bramer, which aims to meet people at risk of committing violence where they are.

"It took concerted efforts from many people and organizations to reach this victory," said City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer. "Today's Queensbridge is a far cry from years past, when residents complained of regular shootings and violence. I look forward to working with all of our community partners to extend the 365 days of peace for days, months, and years to come."

\$75 Million Dollar Settlement Follows Record \$14 Million Dollar Settlement

After Years of Abuse Unprecedented NYC Ticket Settlements \$75 Million Dollar Settlement Follows Record \$14 Million Dollar Settlement

"Allegedly improper tickets are leading to highly popular financial windfalls" says Glen Bolofsky, CEO of parkingticket.com.

"For years the city has been beating up the public and the business community with unfairly and improperly issued tickets, and settlements are finally, painstakingly, coming about, after years of working their way through the courts".

The New York Times and The New York Post both published stories yesterday afternoon regarding an unprecedented settlement in

the amount of \$75 million dollars, because individuals alleged they received unfairly issued tickets by the City of New York.

The \$75 million settlement comes on top of an unprecedented \$14 million dollar settlement for NYC parking tickets alleged to be issued improperly by ticket agents.

Immediately before the \$14 million settlement came about there was an unprecedented disclosure that \$4 million of parking tickets were issued for alleged parking violations that had been repealed by law. Shocking as it seems says Bolofsky, "the leadership of the New York City Department of Finance, run by Commissioner Jacque Jiha, who inherited the Chief Judges of the NYC Parking Violations Bureau, has not seen

fit to terminate, suspend or even reprimand, in any public way, even one hearing examiner, let alone the Chief, the Deputy Chief and their Director for allowing their hearing examiners to uphold violations that had been previously repealed."

In my personal view says Bolofsky, "the P.V.B. has always been and continues to remain a highly unfriendly and unwelcome place for the public to appear and get a fair shake. The P.V.B. bosses simply find incredibly unbelievable tickets to be credible, and flat out refuse to ever bring in an agent to clarify or be questioned. If you want one iota of justice, you need to go to the NYS Supreme Court or to Federal Court, because you just won't find it at the New York City Parking Violations Bureau."

Chairman of Democratic Caucus Joe Crowley U.S. House Of Representatives

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, released the following statement after House Republicans rushed through legislation today that would expand restrictions on federal insurance coverage of abortion and prohibit use of tax credits to buy private insurance

that includes abortion coverage.

"It is distasteful that one of the first pieces of legislation taken up by the House Republican conference is a blatant attack on women's health. This bill would put the government in the middle of Americans' health care choices, even those as simple as which in-

surance plan to buy, putting at risk the health and safety of millions of women and their families across the nation.

There are dozens of other issues President Trump and congressional Republicans should focus their time and efforts on. If attacking women's

Take Control of Your Electronic Entertainment Budget

By Nathaniel Sillin

It seems like every few weeks there's a new "must-watch" movie or show. Competition between traditional and new production companies is driving the wave of high-quality content. I can't complain, but it's also hard to keep up. I have an ever-growing list of binge-able things to watch, read and listen to, and in the meantime, I'm paying bills for multiple bills month.

As long as my family's necessary expenses are covered, spending money on entertainment can be worth it. However, I've also noticed that left unmonitored, expenses can slowly grow out of control. I'd rather look for ways to save money and make more meaningful purchases.

Periodically reviewing how much you spend on entertainment, especially electronic entertainment, could be a good place to start.

Take stock of where you currently stand. Find your starting point by making a list of expenses

that fall into the category of electronic entertainment. If you don't have a budget where you can easily look up this information, you can review previous bank statements or connect your accounts to a budgeting app that can automatically pull in your spending history. This might also be a good time to try several budgeting apps and begin using the one you enjoy the most.

Give traditional cable or satellite TV expenses a second look. If you haven't "cut the cord" – canceled your cable or satellite TV service – now might be time to give the idea some thought. Many alternative, and often cheaper, options have become mainstream, including free and a la carte sports programming. Even premium networks are sold on their own or as inexpensive add-ons to other services.

You may not want to cancel your entire service but after reviewing what you pay for and regularly watch, you might discover that you could be just as happy with a less expensive package.

In either case, regularly calling your service provider and negotiating your rate could save you money. This same tactic could also work with internet service providers.

Consider splitting the cost with someone else. Some subscription entertainment services can be shared with friends or family. A few even offer several tiers of service, or family packages, that let you create profiles and stream from multiple devices at once. Although the price might be higher for a multi-user account, you'll still save on a per-person basis.

Choose the person or people you share your account with carefully. In some cases, sharing an account with a non-family or household member could be a violation of the terms and conditions, and with some types of accounts, you could be giving the other person access to your debit or credit card number.

Make a list of free resources you can use. Knowing where you can

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NY Congressional Delegation Urges President Trump to Consider Disastrous Consequences of ACA Repeal on New York State

18 members of the New York Congressional Delegation urged President-elect Donald Trump to consider the catastrophic negative impacts a repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would have on New York State as Republicans continue to dismantle this landmark law. A repeal of the ACA would cause more than 2.7 million New Yorkers to lose health insurance coverage while throwing our entire health care system into chaos.

"From Manhattan to Massena, New Yorkers reject this starkly ideological plan to repeal the ACA that would throw our entire health care system into disarray and not solve the real problems that families face," the members of Congress wrote in a letter to

the President-elect. "We implore you to discontinue efforts to repeal this life-saving law."

A repeal of the Affordable Care Act would be devastating for hospitals in the state, and would cause a \$24 billion budget shortfall. Rural hospitals in particular would be under enormous financial pressure and could be forced to close their doors, leaving many without access to care. In addition, families would again be subject to annual and lifetime limits and could be denied care for a pre-existing condition. Due to a reopening of the donut hole, which the ACA closes, New York seniors would face an increase in prescription drug costs totaling \$1,195 annually for each beneficiary.

Rozic Statement on the Women's March on Washington

In response to the Women's March on Washington that took place on Saturday, January 21st, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) issued the following statement:

"This weekend, I proudly joined hundreds of thousands of people in Washington DC, and in sister marches in cities across the country, who stood up for a more inclusive and diverse America. I

was inspired by the collective energy, and will continue to lead and be part of movement that ensures that all our voices are heard."

Sister marches across the country were organized shortly after it was announced there would be a march in our nation's capital. Across the globe, marches were organized in solidarity that contributed to a historic display of unity and advocacy of women's rights.

Senator Gillibrand Statement On The Presidential Inauguration

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today issued the following statement on the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump:

"Regardless of how you felt about the election, today's ceremony was a stark reminder of the

greatness of our democracy. As a public servant, I am humbled at the opportunity to work on behalf of all New Yorkers and will do my best to work with the incoming President on issues where we can find common ground."

Majority Leader Van Bramer Blasts MTA For Extended Escalator & Elevator Closures at 61st St Station

Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer released the following statement on the continued escalator and elevator outages at the 61st Street – Woodside 7 train station. The escalator has been out since November, which, coupled with regular elevator shutdowns has made the station inaccessible to families, seniors, and people with disabilities:

"It is completely unacceptable that the MTA would allow these outages to continue. If this were the escalator on the Upper East Side, I feel certain it would have been fixed immediately. The dual escalator and elevator outages, combined with the unsafe and

dilapidated staircase, has made the station completely inaccessible to seniors, parents with children, and people with disabilities. What's worse, the MTA has jerked our community around, consistently moving the expected dates of completion.

On behalf of my constituents who rely on the 7 train every day, I demand that the escalator and elevator be fixed by the time currently posted on the MTA's website: 7:00am tomorrow morning. If it is not, we will hold a rally demanding expedient work. If the MTA is truly supposed to serve all New Yorkers, they must take seriously the needs of commuters in Queens."





Whirl With Merle

PREVIEWING LUNAR NEW YEAR AT GOLDEN PALACE GOURMET

by Merle Exit

January 28 marks Lunar New Year Day with the Year of the Rooster, a day to share with family, friends and lots of traditional food. Why wait until then to dine at yet another Chinese restaurant. This time it was Golden Palace Gourmet that serves “authentic Northern Chinese food, handmade noodle and dumplings”. Not all Chinese restaurants are of the same cuisine as years ago we had gotten used to the basic Cantonese style or the spicier Szechuan. I don’t eat alone as I venture into Asian restaurants with Taiwanese-American LuchiaMeihua Lee and her husband Ken Howell, who does not either understand or speak Chinese.

Guan Jing is the owner of Golden Palace, located at 140-09 Cherry Avenue in downtown Flushing. Ms. Jing owns a few other restaurants that are located in Manhattan. The cuisine represents a city in China, Liaoning, located in the Northeast near North Korea. That may be the reason that Kimchi and another spicy appetizer of shredded potato in hot sauce was automatically brought to the table. I requested a small glass of milk just in case. As it turned out, the potato appetizer seemed spicier than the kimchi. Now you get that I don’t necessarily enjoy hot spicy foods. Luchia had no difficulty.

Ken is a vegetarian. I am not and it is always interesting being able to taste vegetarian dishes. Yes, we pigged out as we usually do and then take home the leftovers. The Crispy Lamb with Chili Pepper sounded pretty good to me now that I gained a bit more tolerance to the “hot”. I think that seeing the red and green hot peppers should have alerted me but my problem is that I didn’t realize that cumin was a main spice. I don’t favor the taste of cumin and am a bit allergic to it. Luchia thought it was delicious.

One of Ken’s choices was the sautéed Potato, Green Pepper and Eggplant that was in a vegetarian brown sauce. I was able to taste this one. Great alternative to other proteins, I truly loved the flavors.

Although I was skipping beef for a while, I noticed a photo of Fried Beef with Scallions. The chunks of beef were on bones. I love eating food on bones...so much juicier. The brown sauce made the dish even more savory.

Another vegetable dish. Not sure of the name of this one made with bean curd skins sliced up to look like a semi-wide noodle. These



are just one of many handmade noodles created on the premises. The dish contained green beans, mung bean noodles and scallions. I probably would have enjoyed it more if I hadn’t eaten the saucy or spicy foods prior as in comparison, it tasted bland. That’s not to say that Ken didn’t appreciate it. Personally I think the sauce used for the sautéed potato dish would have added a greater flavor.

Guan Jing stopped over many times to inquire about our enjoyment of the food. That is when I heard about the dumplings made on the premises and then looked at the menu. Ms. Jing does understand and speak English but it was a lot easier to have Luchia speaking with her and translating to me with any questions that I had.

The choices of dumplings were longer than any other restaurant I’ve been to. I’ll just list: Seafood dumpling with pork, egg and chives (This is the one that I ordered); Seafood Dumpling with pork; Sour Cabbage Dumpling; Leek Dumpling with pork;

Tomato Egg Dumpling (sounded like a good one for breakfast); Fish Celery Dumplings; Radish Beef Dumplings; Fennel Dumplings; Green Dumpling –spinach, scrambled egg and vermicelli; Lamb Dumpling. What I mostly treasured about these dumplings was that they were not only packed with the ingredients but were comparatively thin skinned to most that I have eaten. It allows me to enjoy the steamed dumpling without the heavy amount of flour. You can buy the dumplings wholesale frozen with a price range from \$15 to \$22 dollars for 50 pieces depending upon your choice.

Since Golden Palace is authentic, you won’t be able to get ice cream for dessert. There are “Sweet Dishes” one of which is Pumpkin Rice Cakes. The rice gives glutinous texture vs. the chew of rice and not overly sweet. I just think we should all have a sweet new year. Gong Xi Fa Cai. Golden Palace is open 7 days a week from noon until midnight (718-886-4383).

NYC Restaurant Week® Winter 2017 Kicks Off

Dine and Save at More Than 375 Restaurants January 23 Through February 10

NYC & Company, New York City’s official destination marketing organization, today announced that NYC Restaurant Week®

winter 2017 is now underway. New Yorkers and visitors can save while dining at more than 375 participating restaurants in over 40 neighborhoods across the City from January 23 through February 10, 2017. Diners can enjoy three-course prix-fixe lunches for \$29

and three-course prix-fixe dinners for \$42 (excluding beverages, gratuities and taxes). Saturday dining is excluded from the program and Sundays are optional. To view a full list of participants, make

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(Jan. 26 to Feb. 1)

Queens gets a head start on the Year of the Rooster with dance, a banquet, and a bazaar. The borough also hosts ballet, Congolese plantation art, a haunted house extraordinaire, a peace table discussion, and lectures on stone-carving and how to raise a transgender child. Here’s the rundown.

Jan. 26, Raising a Gender-Creative Child, 7 pm. Julie Tarney discusses her book, *My Son Wears Heels: One Mom’s Journey from Clueless to Raising a Gender Creative Child*. At age two, her son told her that he identified as a girl. Tarney raised her progeny with unconditional support and love. Now, she is an educator, speaker, writer, and advocate for LGBTQ youth. \$5 advance/\$8 at door. Central Queens Y, 67-09 108th St., Forest Hills, <http://bit.ly/2kkotTw>.

Jan. 28, Chinese New Year Temple Bazaar, 11 am and 2 pm. This third annual temple fair includes performances, martial arts, crafts, and food to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. It is offered in two sessions. \$5/\$3 for children. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2jUoVXT>.

Jan. 28, Ballet Inc. Presents The Series, Volume II, 8 pm. As many as 25 emerging choreographers and artists perform contemporary dances. \$25/\$20 for students. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2kkU2bz>.

Jan. 28, Spooktacular: BOO! York City, 2 pm. Come in costume and enjoy the museum transformed into a supernatural scene with a Bewitched Brooklyn Ball Toss, Ghosts and Godzillas Scavenger Hunt, and more ghoulish fun. \$20. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadow Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2kkCUGQ>.

Jan. 28, Congolese Plantation Workers Exhibit Opening Night, 6 pm. Plantation workers in Congo create sculptures with cacao as a primary material. They mold from clay, then 3D print, and cast in chocolate. The exhibition includes existing and new sculptures and drawings, and it’s on display until March 27. SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2jpB0AE>.

Jan. 28, Carving Stone with Artist Charlie Kaplan, 1 pm to 5 pm. Kaplan has decades of experience as a stone carver. Par-

ticipants join him in the galleries, discussing Noguchi’s materials and processes, and then learn introductory hand-carving techniques. \$20. Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2jRjFzd>.

Jan. 29, Electronic Waste Recycling Event, 10 am to 4 pm. The public can dispose of unwanted gadgets in a manner that limits damage to the environment. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2ckMgPB>.

Jan. 29, Protecting Our Nature and Our Sacred Land at Oak Flat, 3:30 pm. The Peace Table hosts an open conversation on the land, protection, and culture surrounding Oak Flat in Arizona. This land is in a part of Tonto National Forest that has been protected since 1955. It is sacred to the San Carlos Apache and contains more than 2,400 acres of wildlife, petroglyphs, sacred spaces, water resources, and a copper deposit thought to be the largest in the hemisphere. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2jj6nnp>.

Jan. 30, Chinese New Year Banquet, 7:30 pm. The Queens Dinner Club hosts a Year of the Rooster banquet with everything from steamed spinach dumplings to pig tongue with sea moss to dried seafood soup to stir fried steak with mango. \$70. Asian Jewels, 133-30 39th Ave., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2k9NYmR>.

Feb. 1-2, Revelations: Chinese New Year, 10:30 am 12:30 pm. Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company ushers in the Year of the Rooster with two shows featuring acrobatic dancers with colorful costumes and musicians playing ancient melodies. \$8. Colden Auditorium, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2jROtee>.

Feb. 1, St. Brigid’s Day Cross-Making, 2 pm. Prepare for the Feast of St. Brigid – the female patron counterpart of St. Patrick -- as per longstanding Irish tradition by making special crosses with tea, Irish snacks, and traditional music. \$5 suggested donation. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2iX7i9Y>.

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entering them;
5. make sure you use the correct postage on your envelope;
6. indicate if you maintained liv-

ing quarters in New York City;
7. include the total amount of tax withheld during the year;
8. include New York City and Yonkers tax, if applicable; and
9. enter the correct mailing address.



BUY AMERICAN

Ridgewood Democratic Club Held its Annual Membership Brunch

On Saturday January 21, the Ridgewood Democratic Club (RDC) held its annual membership brunch to start the new year. District Leader David Aglialoro introduced our keynote speaker, Congressman Joseph Crowley who spoke to a packed room and took questions from our members and residents on the many issues that will be occurring during this year's congressional session.

The women's march was watched throughout and a t-shirt supporting the marches was raffled, providing an opportunity to those who could not attend to express their support.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan spoke about the importance of grassroots organizing, including a meeting in Long Island City with moveon.org another celebrating marchers and also gave us an update on the many education and other issues that she will be advocating for at the state level during the legislative session.

Thank you to Congressman Joseph Crowley for sponsoring the brunch and once again congratulations on becoming the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. The Ridgewood Democratic Club will continue the conversation as we organize around our community and democratic values. The February meeting will be a special meeting



Pictured: David Renz, Co-President, RDC, Alison Cummings, Co-President, RDC, Diane Ballek, Democratic District Leader 37B, Congressman Joseph Crowley, NYS Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan and David Aglialoro, Democratic District Leader 37B.



Pictured: David Renz, Co-President, RDC, Alison Cummings, Co-President, RDC, Kate Brennan, RDC Board Member, Santiago Vargas, former state committeeman 37th AD, Diane Ballek, Democratic District Leader 37B, Gerard Marsicano, Treasurer, RDC, Joan de Camp, RDC Board Member, Congressman Joseph Crowley, Gerard Tate, RDC Board Member, NYS Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, David Aglialoro, Democratic District Leader 37B and Eddie Lettau, RDC Board Member.

to discuss the incoming federal administration, others will discuss the Warsaw pact and NATO and their future, which should be of special interest to Polish Americans and others.

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Meets With Shalom Task Force

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato and her staff recently met with board members of the Shalom Task Force to talk about their priorities, goals and accomplishments.

Shalom Task Force, a widely-respected, volunteer-led nonprofit organization, addresses issues of domestic violence, works to ensure healthy marriages and families, and provides support, guidance and total anonymity to those in problematic relationships.

"I am proud to support the Shalom Task Force, and I'm an admirer of their work. Their dedicated volunteers fill a crucial need for this community," said Pheffer Amato. "I look



Far Rockaway, Queens – P'nina Gluck, Director of Constituent Services for Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato; Sarah Bergman and Aviva Hoch of Shalom Task Force; Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway, Queens)

forward to working in partnership with Shalom Task Force as they continue to provide vital supportive services for our women, children and families."

A "Time for Good": Central Queens Y Donates 300 Bags of Food & Personal Items to SCO Family of Services

The Central Queens Y, which serves 15,000 people of all ages through its programs and activities in the Queens area, donated over 300 bags of canned food items as well as personal hygiene and care products to persons in need on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as part of United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation's "Time for Good," an initiative for impactful Jewish volunteerism in New York. The donated items were sorted and packed at the Central Queens Y headquarters in Forest Hills and were delivered to three SCO Family of Services sites in Jamaica and Rockaway Park.



Volunteers and staff from the Central Queens Y and Heather Leizerson (standing, far right) from The Grand Healthcare System's The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Queens in Whitestone load packages of food and personal items from The Central Queens Y into the "Grand Van" for delivery to three SCO Family of Services sites in Jamaica and Rockaway Park. Photo credit: Courtesy The Grand Healthcare System

Tell President Trump: We Stand For Wildlife!



The inauguration of a new President tomorrow comes at a critical time for wildlife. Beloved species like elephants, gorillas, and cheetahs are in more danger of disappearing now than at any other time in history.

We do not yet know what the political future will bring, but one thing is clear: if we are going to save species from extinction, silence is not an option.

We stand committed to do what-

ever it takes to protect and strengthen policies that give wildlife a fighting chance at a future — but we need you with us. Now, while the incoming administration's priorities are being developed, we must send a strong message: we stand united for wildlife and the new administration must do the same. Speak up for stewardship of wild animals who cannot speak for themselves and send your letter to the Trump Administration now.

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Crowley, Speaker Mark-Viverito and City Council Declare January as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month"

Cervical cancer takes the lives of thousands of women nationwide each year, and an additional 13,000 are diagnosed. To increase awareness of this very common disease, City Council Member Elizabeth Crowley and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito led the charge in declaring January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

"Cervical cancer is a threat to countless people. It's so important we come together to highlight to risks, symptoms and treatments. Over the last 40 years, the number of cases and deaths have decreased significantly, but continued progress depends on everyone to help spread life-saving awareness and resources," Crowley said. "I'd like to thank Speaker Mark-Viverito for her advocacy, and my City Council colleagues for their dedication and leadership to New Yorkers' health."

Cervical cancer can often be detected early, and is virtually always preventable with vaccination and regular screening tests. If detected early, cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable cancers.

"As someone who has experienced firsthand concerns about my reproductive health, I urge all women to take matters into



their own hands by getting tested routinely," said Speaker Mark-Viverito. "Through Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, we hope to continue increasing awareness of this devastating—but highly preventable—disease and educate women of all ages on how to protect themselves. The health and wellbeing of the City's 4.5 million women has always been and will continue to be a priority for the New York City Council."

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month stemmed from extensive work with women's health advo-

cates, including Patti Murillo Casa of Cervivor, a cervical cancer and obesity survivor and advocate.

"Our vision is a world free of cervical cancer. Our mission is to educate women on cervical cancer and the Human Papilloma Virus. We believe that through education and screening we can make a difference and help end cervical cancer," she said.

The New York City Council recently voted to adopt Resolution 0531, officially recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month across New York City.

Senator Stavisky Presents Korean American Day Proclamation to Community Groups

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) presented members of the Korean American Family Service Center, Korean American Association of Queens, Korean American Civic Empowerment, Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York and Korean American Association of Greater New York proclamations in honor of Korean American Day in the State of New York.

The annual day of recognition commemorates the first Korean immigrants arriving in Hawaii in 1903.

"For more than a century, Korean Americans have continue to enrich the fabric of life in our city, state and country," State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky said. "New York is home to the second largest number of Korean-owned businesses in the country, with more than 100,000 Korean Americans living in New York City. This special day allows us to reflect on the numerous contributions from the Korean American community and I would like to thank the community groups who join me today in celebrating all that Korean Americans have done for our state."

"KAAQ appreciates all of the hard work and dedication that Senator Stavisky puts in on behalf of the Korean American Community. We would like to recognize especially her commitment and resolution J47 memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 13, 2017 as Korean American Day in the State of New York, and making it possible for the Korean American Community to honor and celebrate our contributions to American



History. We look forward to continuing to work with Senator Stavisky and her staff on future endeavors to further the growth and evolution of Korean American Community." Thomas Kim, president of the Korean American Association of Queens

"The Korean American Civic Empowerment (KACE) welcomes the proclamation of January 13th as Korean American Day in the State of New York, and expresses its sincerest gratitude to Senator Stavisky and the New York State Senate for spearheading the passage of this legislation. As a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that has been dedicated to empowering the Korean American community since 1996, seeing our community receive a recognition as such is truly thrilling. KACE promises to continue our endeavors and strengthen the Korean American community to become one of the most responsible and

respected members of American society," said Dong Chan Kim, president of Korean American Civic Empowerment.

"I am so proud of living in the State of NY that recognizes ethnic identity. As a Korean-American, I am also deeply concerned to become a member of citizens who contribute their lives for better future of this new homeland," KCS President Kwang S. Kim said.

"I am very excited to hear this news," KAAGNY President Minsun Kim said. "This is the way that we can work together to bring Korean heritage and accomplishments into the forefront of main stream New Yorkers. Declaring January 13, 2017, Korean American Day in New York will certainly raise the self-esteem of all Koreans. I applaud Senator Stavisky and the entire Senate for all of their work on this bill. I hope

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Chairman Crowley Statement on the Retirement of Northern Ireland's Martin McGuinness

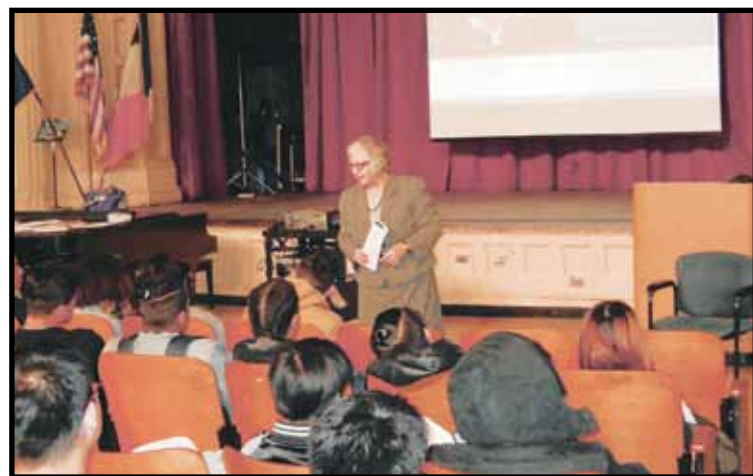


House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) released the statement below following the announcement that Martin McGuinness, Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland and a leader of the Sinn Féin party, will retire from elected office:

"Martin McGuinness is a giant for peace and I'm saddened by the news of his retirement. A strong

Republican from his earliest days, he went on to befriend Ian Paisley and work with members of all communities – consistently proving his amazing ability to bring together all sides in the pursuit of change. Martin is one of the most extraordinary leaders I have ever met, never giving up his belief in a united Ireland while working to constructively bridge the divide with those who fought for a different future. I join the world in wishing him the best in his retirement from elected office and as he continues to lay the groundwork for the next generation of leaders. Above all, I've been fortunate to call him a friend and will keep him in my thoughts and prayers as he focuses on his health."

Senator Stavisky Visits Flushing High School Government Class



Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) visited Flushing High School today where she spoke with students on the value of participating in government and engaging their elected representatives. The students were studying how the state legislature works and expressed their support for free tuition in public colleges.

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that we will all continue to work together in the future.”

“It is a privilege and pleasure to have the opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Senator Toby Ann Stavisky and the Senate for passing and carrying the resolution J47, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 13, 2017 as Korean American Day in the New York State. January 13, 1903 is a meaningful day for the Korean

community because it is when the first Korean immigrants have arrived in Hawaii. We, Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC), work with Korean immigrants affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and provide crisis intervention services, such as counseling, 24-hour Korean and English bilingual hotline, immediate shelter and T-housing services, as well as job readiness classes and training to help our clients become self-sufficient and establish economic

empowerment. In celebration of passing this legislative resolution, KAFSC will continue to stand with our community leaders and members to help those in most need at the forefront of an effort to create a healthy and happy society. KAFSC is grateful to Senator Stavisky and every Senator for their continued support and dedicated commitment to acknowledging and honoring the contributions of Korean American in the U.S. communities.” Korean American Family Service Center

NYC Restaurant Week® Winter 2017 Kicks Off

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reservations, browse menus and more, visit nycgo.com/restaurant-week.

NYC & Company's long-standing corporate sponsor American Express will return with an exclusive offer for American Express® Card Members who participate in NYC Restaurant Week. Card Members can enroll any eligible American Express Card, use their enrolled Card to spend \$35 or more at any participating restaurant and get a \$5 statement credit up to four times. Terms apply. To learn more and enroll in this offer, visit americanexpress.com/nycrestaurantweek.

NYC Restaurant Week is the first dining program of its kind, established in 1992 during the Democratic National Convention. New this season on nycgo.com,

the City's official tourism website, consumers can use enhanced quick search filters to navigate restaurants by key features such as New Participants and Notable Chefs, allowing diners to easily select their ideal dining experience.

NYC Restaurant Week is one of the featured promotions within NYC & Company's new Nonstop NYC winter campaign. Also included are celebrated programs NYC Broadway WeekSM (January 17–February 5) and NYC Off-Broadway WeekSM (February 27–March 12) and the first-ever NYC Attractions WeekSM (January 17–February 5) that offers two-for-one admission to popular attractions, tours, culture and performing arts at more than 70 participants across all five boroughs. More information on these four promotional programs, as well as how to find the best hotel rates of

the year this winter, can be found at nycgo.com/nonstop.

NYC Restaurant Week is promoted through exclusive content on nycgo.com; out-of-home media in the five boroughs; print and digital advertising, including promotion through media partner Time Out New York; commercials running in NYC taxicabs and on Toshiba Vision in Times Square; and through social media posts using #NYCRestaurantWeek. About NYC & Company:

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Take Control of Your Electronic Entertainment Budget

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turn to (legally) watch shows and movies, including recent releases, could put you at ease if you're worried about canceling a service.

You could start by using ad-based websites that legally host movies and shows. While there are commercial breaks throughout the videos, the services are completely free, and some have mobile apps that you can use to start or resume a video while you're away from home.

As I'm sure you're aware, there are plenty of free books, CDs

and magazines at many libraries. But the library systems are also keeping up with the times. Some let you “check out” audiobooks, movies and shows without having to visit a branch.

Bottom line: Having access to a wide variety of shows, movies and other types of electronic entertainment can be well worth the cost, but don't let your monthly expenses go unchecked. Between monthly subscription services, Internet and cable you could be paying several thousand dollars a year.

Find a happy medium by can-

celing services you don't want anymore and finding ways to save on those you do. You could then use the savings for something more meaningful. Perhaps that means going to a sports game with friends or family rather than paying for a television service, or putting the money towards a non-entertainment goal, such as a college or retirement fund.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Queens NYCHA Leaders Call on City Council to Reject Construction Bill That Would Exclude NYCHA Residents From Jobs

Tenant leaders representing twenty-one Queens NYCHA developments are calling on City Council members to reject new legislation that would mandate construction apprenticeships and exclude thousands of black and Hispanic NYCHA residents from construction jobs. The Queens NYCHA leaders joined other NYCHA tenant leaders from Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan in a joint letter to Council Member Rory Lancman, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley and

other members currently supporting the apprenticeship mandate bill. The full letter is attached.

“We are disappointed in your support for a construction apprenticeship mandate because it doesn't align with a commitment to racial equality,” the NYCHA tenant leaders wrote in their letter to the Council members. “Apprenticeships are virtually all run by construction unions that have a history of racial discrimination and lack the diversity of New York's non-union contractors.”

The Queens NYCHA tenant leaders signed on to this letter include leaders from Woodside Houses, Queens Bridge Houses, South Jamaica Houses, Oceanside Houses, Shelton Houses, Astoria Houses, Latimer Gardens, Hamel Houses and several others.

The City Council legislation being opposed by the NYCHA leaders is Intro 1447, which is sponsored by Council Members Lancman and Crowley and is expected to receive a hearing on January 31.

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Queens Sports

Ponds Named to Midseason Watch List for Wayman Tisdale Award

One of the most electric young guards in the nation, Shamorie Ponds has been named to the Midseason Watch List for the Wayman Tisdale Award, it was announced this afternoon by the United State Basketball Writers Association (USBWA).

The Wayman Tisdale Award is given annually to the nation's top freshman.

Ponds, a 6-foot-1 guard from Brooklyn, found himself on the watch list alongside 11 of the nation's top young talents. Joining Ponds in receiving the honor are Lonzo Ball of UCLA, Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox of Kentucky, Markelle Fultz of

Washington, Jonathon Isaac of Florida State, Josh Jackson of Kansas, TJ Leaf of UCLA, Lauri Markkanen of Arizona, Dennis Smith Jr. of NC State, Jayson Tatum of Duke and Justin Patton of Creighton.

In 21 starts this season for the Red Storm, Ponds ranks second on the team and ninth in the conference in scoring with 16.7 points per game. The lefty sharp-shooter also leads the team in assists with 67 while ranking third on the squad with 4.9 boards per outing. Ponds has made 55 three-pointers on the season, good enough for second in the BIG EAST behind Kris

Jenkins, the hero of last year's national championship game for Villanova. A tremendous defensive talent, Ponds also ranks fourth in the BIG EAST with 1.7 steals per outing while committing just 33 fouls in 21 games.

A product of Thomas Jefferson High School where he led the Orange Wave to its first PSAL title since 1954 as a senior, Ponds has scored 20 or more points seven times this season, including a pair of 26-point performances in wins over Fordham and then-No. 13 Butler. Ponds had reached double figures in 19-straight contests prior to yesterday's matchup with Seton Hall.

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens and St. John's University Athletics Announce Partnership

St. John's University and NewYork-Presbyterian Queens announced a partnership that makes NewYork-Presbyterian Queens the official hospital of Red Storm Athletics.

Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Rosen, chairman of NewYork-Presbyterian Queens Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, the practice is now officially providing physician services to St. John's Athletics. Dr. Rosen and his colleague, Dr. Justin Classie, medical director, Sports Medicine Service, both serve as head team physicians.

"NewYork-Presbyterian Queens is committed to providing world-class care to the residents of Queens, and we are thrilled that our mission now includes caring for the amazing student-athletes at St. John's University," said Jaclyn Mucaria, president of NewYork-Presbyterian Queens. "St. John's University and its athletic programs have always been foundations of the Queens community. We are proud to support this fine program and look forward to continuing to grow the relationship between NewYork-Presbyterian Queens and St. John's through future collaborations in sports medicine, health services, wellness and prevention, and research."

Anton Goff, St. John's Director of Athletics, said, "NewYork-Presbyterian is consistently ranked as New York's top hospital and one of the best health care providers in the country, and we know they will do a superb job of caring for our student athletes. Our partnership with NewYork-Presbyterian Queens will provide new resources to our athletic department as we continue to enhance St. John's student-athlete experience. We are grateful for the support of NewYork-Presbyterian Queens."

In June of last year, NewYork-Presbyterian Queens officially opened its new, state-of-the-art Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Jackson Heights, Queens. Dr. Rosen leads this

practice, which provides general orthopedic surgery, and maintains a team of fellowship-trained, board-certified physicians and surgeons that are subspecialists in sports medicine, trauma, hand and upper-extremity conditions, foot and ankle disorders, joint replacement and spinal programs. This wide array of services and specialists will be a benefit to Red Storm athletes.

"Our practice is dedicated to serving patients in Queens, and providing physician services to the renowned St. John's athletics program allows us to deepen our relationships in the community," added Dr. Jeffrey Rosen.

"The sports medicine staff at St. John's University is very excited about this new partnership as we continue our Red Storm tradition of providing outstanding medical care to our student-athletes," said Ron Linfonte, Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Medicine.

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens, located in Flushing, New York, is a community teaching hospital affiliated with Weill Cornell Medicine that serves Queens and metro New York residents. The 535-bed tertiary care facility provides services in 14 clinical departments and numerous subspecialties, including 15,000 surgeries and 4,000 infant deliveries each year. With its network of affiliated primary and multispecialty care physician practices and community-based health centers, the hospital provides approximately 162,000 ambulatory care visits and 124,000 emergency service visits annually. For more information, visit nyp.org/queens

NewYork-Presbyterian is one of the nation's most comprehensive healthcare delivery networks, focused on providing innovative and compassionate care to patients in the New York metropolitan area and throughout the globe. In collaboration with two renowned medical school partners, Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University College

of Physicians & Surgeons, NewYork-Presbyterian is consistently recognized as a leader in medical education, groundbreaking research and clinical innovation.

NewYork-Presbyterian has four major divisions: NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital is ranked #1 in the New York metropolitan area by U.S. News and World Report and repeatedly named to the magazine's Honor Roll of best hospitals in the nation; NewYork-Presbyterian Regional Hospital Network is comprised of leading hospitals in and around New York and delivers high-quality care to patients throughout the region; NewYork-Presbyterian Physician Services connects medical experts with patients in their communities; and NewYork-Presbyterian Community and Population Health features the hospital's ambulatory care network sites and operations, community care initiatives and healthcare quality programs, including NewYork Quality Care, established by NewYork-Presbyterian, Weill Cornell and Columbia.

NewYork-Presbyterian is one of the largest healthcare providers in the U.S. Each year, nearly 29,000 NewYork-Presbyterian professionals deliver exceptional care to more than 2 million patients.

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About St. John's University Department of Athletics St. John's sponsors 17 varsity athletic programs with proud and storied traditions. A charter member of the BIG EAST Conference, three Red Storm teams won league championships during the 2015-16 academic year, as the BIG EAST continues as one of the nation's most competitive conferences. Located in the entertainment and media capital of the world, the Red Storm bears the moniker of "New York's Team" with the men's basketball squad playing a percentage of its home games at "The World's Most Famous Arena," Madison Square Garden.

Council Member Peter Koo Announces E-Waste Disposal Event in Flushing



Pictured: (l to r) Sinyee Tan of Lower East Side Ecology Center, CM Koo, Regina Minerva of Queens Botanical Garden.

City Council Member Peter Koo today joined with the Queens Botanical Garden and the Lower East Side Ecology Center to announce an upcoming Electronic Waste Recycling Event at the Queens Botanical Garden on January 29th. The community is encouraged to bring discarded working and non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones, PDAs and other electronic equipment.

As of April 1, 2015, electronics recycling is required by law, and residents can be fined up to \$100 for placing TVs and other electronic equipment on the curb-side for disposal. For a full list of banned items and alternative E-waste drop off locations, visit the Department of Sanitation's website at <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/electronics.shtml>

CM Koo stated, "I'm happy to announce this upcoming E-Waste event in Flushing and encourage our community to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of their electronic waste. A sustainable community takes a conscious effort from all of us, and I'd like to thank the Lower East Side Ecology Center and the Queens

Botanical Garden for helping to make our community a cleaner place to live, work and visit."

Sinyee Tan, Development Director of the Lower East Side Ecology Center stated, "The Lower East Side Ecology Center returns to the Queens Botanical Garden for our bi-annual Electronic Waste Collection Event as the organization heads into its 30th year."

Regina Minerva, Public Programs Manager of Queens Botanical Garden stated, "Queens Botanical Garden looks forward to its 14th annual "after-the-holidays" electronic waste event! We love partnering with the Lower East Side Ecology Center whose sustainable goals complement the Garden's green mission. Together we hope to collect one ton of broken gadgets—so bring your old computers, printers, fax machines, tablets, phones, and more to Queens Botanical Garden on Sunday, January 29 from 10am to 4pm. See you at the Parking Garden entrance on Crommelin Street—rain or shine!"

The E-Waste Recycling event will take place on Sunday, January 29th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Queens Botanical Garden. For more information, contact Lower East Side Ecology Center at 212-477-4022.

Lion Dancers To Celebrate Lunar New Year

The Shops at SkyView Center to Treat Shoppers to Magical Performance, Sunday, Feb. 5
WHAT: The Shops at SkyView Center, one of the region's largest mixed-use, multi-level shopping destinations, will ring in Lunar New Year treating shoppers to the awe and magic of a traditional lion dance.

Beginning Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m., Norman Chin's Southern Praying Mantis Lion Dance Team, one of the most unique lion dance troupes in the New York City region, will perform in traditional southern style on Level D. The family-friendly performance is free-of-charge. What's more, lucky shoppers attending the performance just might receive gift

cards courtesy of participating stores including Applebee's Grill & Bar, Beth Bath & Beyond, Famous Footwear Outlet and Grandma's Dim Sum.

Located in Flushing, Queens, The Shops at SkyView Center features a robust collection of premier national retail brands including Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Nordstrom Rack, F21 Red, UNIQLO, Nike Clearance Store and Restoration Hardware Outlet, among many more. Please visit www.shop-skyviewcenter.com for more information.

WHERE: The Shops at SkyView Center, 40-24 College Point Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354
WHEN: Sunday, February 5, 12:00 p.m., Level D

NYS Economy Adds 9,000 Private Sector Jobs in December 2016, Reaches New Record High

In December 2016, New York State's private sector job count increased by 9,000, or 0.1%, to 7,963,900, a new record high, according to preliminary figures released today by the New York State Department of Labor. Since the beginning of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's administration, New York State's economy has added 869,600 private sector jobs and experienced employment growth in 61 of the past 72 months. In December 2016, New York's statewide unemployment

rate decreased from 5.1% to 4.9%.

The State's private sector job count is based on a payroll survey of 18,000 New York employers conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Monthly payroll employment estimates are preliminary and subject to revision as more data becomes available the following month. The federal government calculates New York State's unemployment rate based partly upon the results of the Current Popu-

lation Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in New York State each month.

"The State's labor market continued to expand in December 2016. Not only did the statewide economy reach a new record high for private sector jobs, but New York State's unemployment rate decreased from 5.1% to 4.9% in December," said Bohdan M. Wynnyk, Deputy Director of the New York State Department of Labor's Division of Research and Statistics.

Electricians Recruit Apprentices

USIS Electric, Inc. will conduct a recruitment from February 21, 2017 through February 21, 2018 for 24 electrician apprentices, the New York State Department of Labor recently announced.

Please note that the 24 openings listed for apprentices represent the total number for three recruitment regions – the Hudson Valley, Long Island, and New York City regions. Applications will be available at USIS Electric, Inc., 35 West Jefferson Avenue, Pearl River, NY, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays, during the recruitment period. Applicants must apply in person. Applications must

be received no later than February 21, 2018.

The Committee requires that applicants:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma (such as TASC or GED), including one year of high school algebra.
- Must verbally attest to be physically able to perform the work of the trade, which may include:
 - Pulling cable.
 - Lifting up to 50 pounds.
 - Carrying 25 pounds.
 - Climbing ladders.
 - Standing 90% of the day.
- Must verbally attest to have reliable transportation to and from various job sites and related in-

struction classes.

For further information, applicants should contact their nearest New York State Department of Labor office or USIS Electric, Inc. at (845) 358-7755.

Apprentice programs registered with the Department of Labor must meet standards established by the Commissioner. Under state law, sponsors of programs cannot discriminate against applicants because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or marital status. Women and minorities are encouraged to submit applications for apprenticeship programs. Sponsors of programs are required to adopt affirmative action plans for the recruitment of women and minorities.

U.S. Rep Gregory Meeks, BP Melinda Katz Urge USCIS to Re-Open Citizenship/Immigration Office in Queens

U.S. Representative Gregory Meeks and Borough President Melinda Katz today reiterated their call for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to re-open its Queens Field Office, which has been closed since it was displaced from its full-service Long Island City site to Lower Manhattan two years ago. Borough President Katz also proposed relocating the Queens Field Office to the vacant space available in the Addabbo Federal Building in Jamaica, Queens.

"My office has helped thousands of constituents with their immigration matters," U.S. Representative MEEKS said. "Yet, never before have my constituents shown as much concern about their immigration status due to the incoming administration. Hearing their well-founded concerns, Borough President Katz and I are pressing USCIS to reopen its field office to fulfill this clear need. We believe that families should be well-informed and they deserve comprehensive assistance so they have the

best opportunity to keep their families together and whole."

"Queens is home to over 2.3 million residents, at least 48 percent of whom were born abroad," Borough President KATZ said. "Many people – both citizens and non-citizens – are feeling tremendous uncertainty about the future. I've long proposed the existing Addabbo Federal Building in Jamaica as an ideal, permanent location for the long-displaced Queens Field Office to enhance customer service and better meet demand. Its optimal location already hosts a federal agency, has vacant space, and has abundant access to mass transit. I urge USCIS to further consider Jamaica for a permanent Queens Field Office, and render my office ready to host or assist in facilitating further development of this viable option."

USCIS Field Offices handle non-asylum related applications, including citizenship and green card applications and more. USCIS Field Offices do not conduct

immigration enforcement. Currently, the only operational Field Offices within USCIS District 3 are located in Lower Manhattan and Holtsville, Long Island, requiring long, onerous travels for customers from Queens.

USCIS first opened the Queens Field Office in a 48,000 sq. ft. space in Long Island City in January 2012 with the intent to decentralize and "provide services where our customers live". While operational, the Queens Field Office in Long Island City served high numbers of customers, averaging 180 naturalization applications and 130 adjustment of status applications per day. In January 2015, however, USCIS temporarily closed the Queens Field Office due to a massive flood and relocated it as a separate unit at 26 Federal Plaza in Lower Manhattan, where it has remained ever since.

Borough President Katz first proposed relocating the USCIS Queens Field

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Forget Chocolate! Red Juices Are A Healthier Valentine Alternative

From Valentine's Day to Heart Health Month, February is splashed with red.

Although chocolates may rule as a popular Valentine gift, those in the mood for a healthier treat can enjoy strawberries, cherries, raspberries, cranberries, watermelon, tomatoes and beets and reap the rewards.

These vibrant foods have a cornucopia of nutrients that love you back by healing your body and preventing disease, says best-selling author and nutritionist Cherie Calbom, known as "The Juice Lady," whose latest book is *The Juice Lady's Guide to Fasting* (www.juiceladycherie.com).

For example, numerous studies show that just one glass of beet juice lowers blood pressure in people with high blood pressure, she says. Other attributes of these red-themed fruits and vegetables include:

- Tomato juice has lycopene, a phytonutrient that studies show reduces the risk for prostate cancer. Tufts and Boston University researchers discovered that the highest intake of lycopene was linked to nearly a 30 percent reduction in cardiovascular disease and coronary heart disease.
- One study published in the *Journal of Medicinal Foods* found that tart cherry juice can improve sleep in older adults with insomnia.
- Another study found that quercetin, a powerful anti-

oxidant found in tart cherry juice, helped people fight heart disease by preventing oxidative damage to LDL cholesterol.

- Strawberry juice is rich in vitamin C and folate—nutrients that help you fight cancer.

- The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported that the intake of raspberries can lower the risk of death from cardiovascular disease due to their high content of anthocyanins, flavonoids that reduce inflammation. Inflammation is a leading cause of heart disease.

- Watermelon has more lycopene than tomatoes—making it a delicious heart healthy fruit.

For those seeking to lose weight before Valentine's Day, Calbom recommends a one-day red juice fast. "You can lose at least a pound a day and recharge your energy," she says.

Heart Healthy Juice Recipes
Red Sunrise

Beets have been shown to lower blood pressure in a matter of hours. One study found that drinking one glass of beet juice lowered systolic blood pressure by an average of 4 to 5 points.

- 1 apple
 - 1/2 small beet with tops
 - 1 cucumber, peeled if not organic
- Cut produce to fit your juicer's feed tube. Juice ingredients, stir and enjoy. Serves 1.
Rosy Glow
All red, orange, and green

vegetables and fruit are rich in carotenoids. Studies show that carotenoids give your skin an attractive rosy glow, even more appealing than being out in the sun.

4-5 medium carrots, tops removed

1 red apple

1 medium cucumber

1 small beet, with or without a few tops

2 ribs celery

1-inch chunk ginger root

Juice all ingredients, stir and enjoy! Serves 1-2

Icy, Spicy Gazpacho

Cilantro has been shown in studies to help the body detox heavy metals such as mercury, lead and aluminum.

2 tomatoes, cut in chunks

1 cup fresh carrot juice (about 5-7 carrots)

1 lemon, juiced, peeled, if putting it through a juice machine

1/4 cup cilantro, rinsed and chopped

1/4 teaspoon Celtic sea salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 small jalapeño, chopped (more if you like it hot)

3 radishes

Place the tomato chunks in a freezer bag and freeze until solid. This is optional. (Or you can use fresh tomatoes placed in the blender.) Pour the carrot and lemon juices into a blender and add the frozen tomato chunks, cilantro, salt, cumin, jalapeño, and radishes. Blend on high speed until smooth, but slushy; serve immediately. Serves 2

A "Time for Good": Central Queens Y Donates 300 Bags of Food & Personal Items to SCO Family of Services

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The delivery of the donated products was made possible by the generous donation of the use of the Grand Van from The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Queens in Whitestone. The Grand also donated 100 canned food items to support the effort.

"The rental of a van as well as all the associated costs would have reduced the number of people we were able to help," remarked Lisa Elhyani, Director of

Adult and Senior Services of the Central Queens Y. "We thank The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Queens and their team for their generous use of their Grand Van, which enabled the donations to be transported in only one vehicle, saving us time and money."

"The staff and the employees of The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Queens care deeply about the residents of our Queens community, especially those in need," said Dan Muskin, Regional Administrator.

"In the same way we ensure the quality and commitment to the dignity, safety, health and well-being of our residents in each of our facilities, we extend this compassion to the greater Queens community. We know that our participation in this effort with the Central Queens Y helped to make it more efficient and effective."

For more info on the Central Queens Y visit www.cqy.org. For more information about the Grand Health Care System, visit www.thegrandhealthcare.com

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Swears in New Officers Of Old Mill Yacht Club

Recently, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Howard Beach) was honored to officiate at the installation of officers at the Old Mill Yacht Club located in Howard Beach, Queens.



LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of REN HE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 136-20 Roosevelt Ave., #288, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of Whitney 14A, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 193-38 Keno Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of IDEATE MASPETH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/06. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC: 50-54 68th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of Advanced Hotel Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/26/06. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 100 Garden City Plaza, Ste. 220, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Edison Brothers LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/16. County: Queens. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to The LLC, 101-20 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418. General Purpose. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

Notice of Formation of J&B HOMES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/02/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC: 157-32 22nd Avenue, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

ONDERDONK REALTY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/16. 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, 316 Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

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JDC HOMES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 67-32 198th Street, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

LI88 Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/15/16. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4455 Kissena Blvd., Apt. 5G, Flushing, NY 11355. General Purposes. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

Notice of Formation of HOLISTIC BEVERAGES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/06/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC: 29-40 172 Street, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

JOYFUL EDEN LLC, Art. Of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/15/2016. Office in QUEENS Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 135-27 38TH AVE SUITE 101, FLUSHING, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2017

Notice of Formation: 355 Partner, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/27/2016. Office Loc: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3430 Collins Place, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

9013 Silk Road LLC. Filed 4/15/16. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Fang Na Wang, 9013 56th Ave, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: General. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

JOYFUL RESIDENCE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 12/20/2016. Off. Loc.:Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 84-11 Elmhurst Avenue, Suite 1-F, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

33-54 Farrington Realty LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 4/6/06. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 7 Chatham Sq. #208 New York, NY 10038 General Purpose. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

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Notice of Formation of LUXURY HOME TECHNOLOGIES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC: 7014 13TH Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

Notice of Formation of CJW REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 113-19 14th Road, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/19,26,2/2,9,16&23/2017

Notice of Formation of 90 Ave Realty, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/13/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 35-06 Leavitt Street, Suite CF-A, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 12/29/2016,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2017

SEASIDE ROCK 14 LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/16. 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, 289 Beach 14th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 12/22,29/2016,1/5,12,19&26/2017

Rockwell Brands LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY 10/12/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. General purpose. 12/29/2016,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2017

ELYON PRODUCTS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 39-40 30th St, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

PG 26-20 28 LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/16. 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, 30-13 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

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PELION ADVISORS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Klea Theoharis, 5145 74th Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

Notice of formation of ALVIERI CAPITAL, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 60-53 Woodhaven Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful act. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

LEO SHINE LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/16, with an existence date of 01/01/2017. 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, 94-31 60th Avenue, Apartment 5K, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

WLF PROPERTIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/16. 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, c/o Baron & Baron, Esqs., P.C., 118-21 Queens Blvd., Suite 515, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1299807 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a bar under the ABC Law at 87-18 Liberty Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11417 for on-premises consumption; RRR Lounge Inc. 1/26 &2/2/2017

PRIME DELUXE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/17/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 13503 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

Waseem Holdings LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/17. County: Queens. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to The LLC, 104-50 109th St., Richmond Hill, NY 11419. General Purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

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Notice of Formation of Ocean Bliss Yoga LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 136 Beach 128th Street, Belle Harbor, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

Queens Man Wins \$5M Lottery on His 28th Birthday

Twenty-eight-year-old Patrick Clarke had a birthday for the ages this past December. The Queens resident purchased a \$10 Set for Life scratch-off ticket on December 20 and won the jackpot guaranteeing him a minimum prize of \$5,000,000. The Delta Airlines ramp agent says he has his mom to thank for his good fortune.

"My mom called and wanted me to do a favor for her and she gave me some money as a thank you," explained Clarke. "I knew right away I wanted to buy a Lottery ticket and knew it had to be Set for Life. That's always been my mom's game and it's my game now."

Clarke purchased his ticket December 20, his 28th birthday, at the Friendly Deli & Grocery on Saratoga Avenue in Brooklyn. He brought the ticket to his girlfriend's house and that's where he had his life-changing moment. "I scratched the ticket and saw a match on number 16 with the word 'Life' under it," said Clarke. "I started laughing and dancing all around the house!"

The jackpot prize on the Set for Life scratch-off ticket guarantees a minimum payout of \$5,000,000. Clarke opted for the one-time lump sum payment totaling \$2,453,693 after required withholdings.

"I was very surprised that I won the jackpot and feel very blessed. It means I won't have to worry so much. There will always be something to worry about, but for once, it won't be about money."

When asked if he had any advice for other Lottery players, Clarke said, "Play without the expectation of winning. It happens when you least expect it."

Clarke was the 95th New York Lottery player to claim a prize of \$1,000,000 or more in 2016.

The New York Lottery contributed \$1,241,108,424 in Lottery Aid To Education to school districts throughout the five Boroughs during fiscal year 2015-2016.

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LSN LANDOR LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/17. 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, 69-30 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/26,2/2,9,16,23&3/2/2017

Re-Open Citizenship/Immigration Office in Queens

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Office to the Addabbo Federal Building in Jamaica, Queens (which currently hosts the U.S. Social Security Administration) in March 2016 while on a site visit hosted by Representative Meeks with the U.S. General Services Administration. Representative Meeks' tour included discussions about planned renovations to several vacant floors available for use by federal agencies and local organizations. In a letter to USCIS headquarters in April 2016, Borough President Katz formally recommended the Jamaica site as an optimal option for a permanent location for its Queens Field Office.

NYPD Says Drivers Still Leaving Cars Running, And They're Still Getting Stolen

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"It makes me think that people think that it's safe to do it," she said.

Careless drivers getting their autos stolen with keys in the ignition isn't new.

Three years ago, a snow drift was the only thing that stopped a thief from stealing a car left car running on 74th Street and 37th Road, according to the NYPD.

And the former commander of the 110th Precinct said the problem was so rampant, he vowed to ticket anyone who left their car running.

"If your car's running, and my officers see it and they observe it for three minutes, they are going to write a summons." Deputy Inspector Ronald Leyson said at the time. "And I do not feel bad for you."

Have something to say about this story? Voice



Senator Toby Stavisky Named Vice Chairwoman of the Democratic Conference



Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) was named the Vice Chairwoman of the Democratic Conference this week by the Senate Democrats. The senator, who served as the Assistant Democratic Conference Leader for Conference Operations last year, hopes to use her new leadership role to further promote economic, social and human rights.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan Attended the Astoria/LIC NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon



Pictured: NYC Council Majority Jimmy Van Bramer, Ms. Patricia Fletcher (honoree), Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Marion Jeffries, President, Astoria/LIC NAACP and Andrew P. Jackson. Photo by Edwin Cadiz.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan recently attended the Astoria/LIC NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"Thank you to Marion Jeffries and the Astoria/LIC NAACP for

organizing this wonderful annual banquet that commemorates the important contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." said Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan. "Congratulations to honoree Patricia Fletcher for her great contributions to our community."

Gloria Vargas receives Hispanic Heritage Award

Assemblyman Mike Miller presented Gloria Vargas with a NYS Citation in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ms. Vargas was unable to attend Assemblyman Miller's Hispanic Heritage Month event and therefore, he presented her the award last week at Peter Cardella Senior Center. Thank you Ms. Vargas for your contributions to our community.

Also in the picture is Barbara Toscano, Executive Director of Peter Cardella Senior Center in Glendale.



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