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Why Have Community Boards When The Mayor Will Not Listen to Them

The Mayor's implementation of the 111th Street plan after CB#4 in Corona Heights tabled their vote to get more information is a slap in the face to Community Board 4Q; which was no surprise, everyone knew that no matter which way CB#4 voted the Mayor was going to implement the project on the word of Councilmember Julissa Ferreras-Copeland. It seems as though Mayor de Blasio does not care what Community Board's have to say only the views of the Councilmember.

Why the Mayor has this view is unclear because those appointed to Community Boards live and work in their respective communities. Who knows what is better for their community than Board Members who volunteer their services to look out for their community and they are free from ulterior motives with regard to any project, they only have the betterment of the residents in mind.

Each time CB#4Q's Transportation Committee met with

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Meng Highlights Negative Impacts That President Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts Would Have on Queens



Congresswoman holds roundtable with borough organizations that stand to lose federal funds.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) on Friday held a roundtable discussion on President Donald Trump's proposed budget cuts and the negative impacts it would have on Queens.

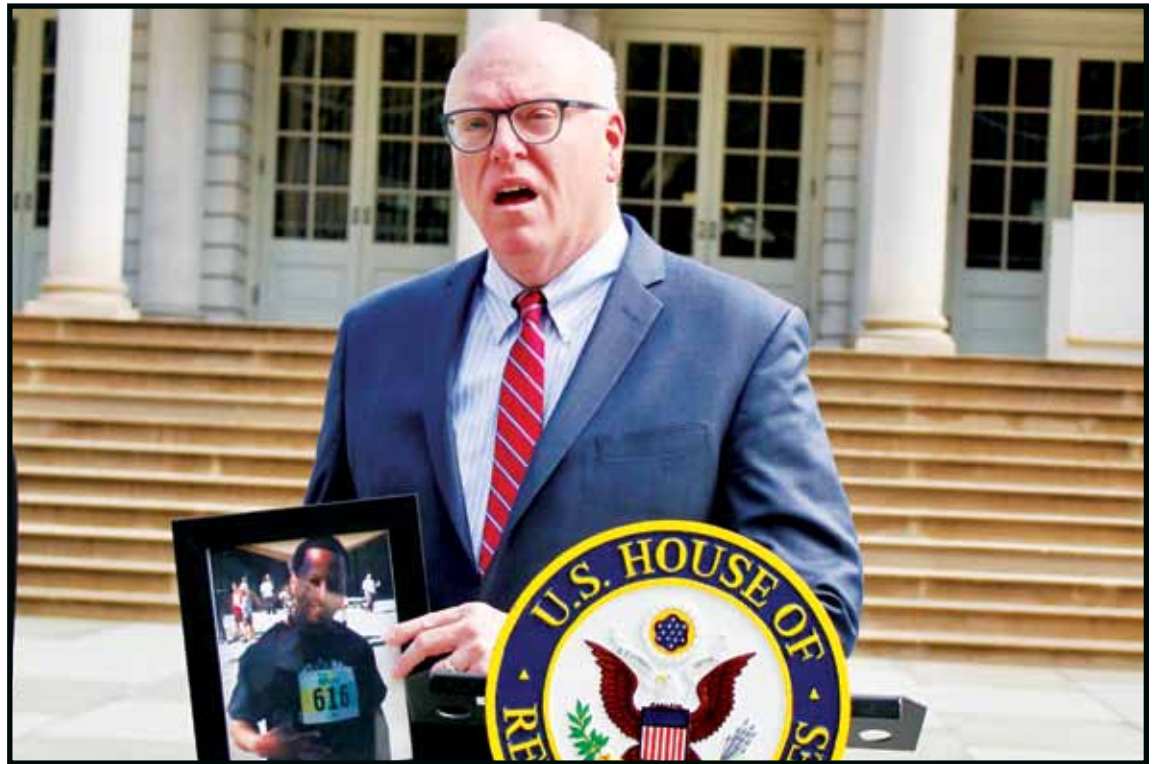
Taking part in the meeting were a wide array of local non-profit organizations that stand to lose federal funds under the President's budget ax. The organizations, which are located in

Queens and/or provide critical services to Queens communities, revealed first-hand how the cuts would negatively impact those they serve. The organizations and those who are participated included:

- Shelby Chestnut
Director of Community Organizing and Public Advocacy at the

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Crowley Announces the Kalief Browder Re-Entry Success Act



Rep. Joe Crowley holds a picture of Kalief Browder at a press conference to announce legislation named in his honor, which seeks to improve mental health services for the formerly incarcerated. See story on page 3.

Queens County Bar Association Annual Tribute



Queens County Bar Association (QCBA) held their annual reception for the county's judiciary, the QCBA's past presidents, and golden jubilarians at the association's headquarters in downtown Jamaica. Pictured above in front of the QCBA's 125th anniversary banner are the evening's distinguished dignitaries are QCBA President Gregory Brown, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Term, Joseph Zayas, the evening's featured speaker and New York State Bar Association President-Elect, Sharon Stern Gerstman, the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, Randall Eng, the Administrative Judge of the Civil Term, Jeremy Weinstein, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, and Surrogate Peter Kelly. Photo by Walter Karling. See additional photo on page 12.



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NYC Anti-Violence Project
The Anti-Violence Project provides free assistance to thousands of LGBTQ individuals throughout New York City including Queens.

- Tova Klein
Vice President of Senior Communities at Selfhelp Community Services
Selfhelp Community Services operates senior centers and senior housing facilities throughout Queens including locations in Bayside, Flushing, Forest Hills, Fresh Meadows and Maspeth.

- Alfonso Lopez
Legislative Representative at the New York City Office of Federal Affairs

- Rehan Mehmood
Director of Health Services for the South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS)

The Flushing-based SACSS helps to provide healthcare access and social services to the South

Asian community in Queens.

- Israel Rocha
CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst

- David Strauss
Deputy Director of the Queens Museum, the art museum and educational center located in

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

- Jo-Ann Yoo
Executive Director of the Asian American Federation

The Asian American Federation works to strengthen the capacity of community-based social services by supporting and representing over 60 Asian-serving member agencies in the fields of health and human services, education, economic development, civic participation and social justice.

“The President claims that his budget puts America first,” said Congresswoman Meng. “But it actually puts America last. That’s because the plan guts critical funding from virtually all federal agencies, and eliminates many important federal programs; cuts that stand to impact Queens. If you put America first, you don’t slash billions from agencies such as the EPA, Department of Education, HUD and the National Institutes of Health, and you do not do away with initiatives such as heating assistance programs. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will do everything in my power to combat these devastating cuts.”

“The New York City Anti-Violence Project is honored to stand with local advocates and Congresswoman Grace Meng to

convey the importance of ensuring federal funding remain in place to reach the most vulnerable New Yorkers,” said Shelby Chestnut, Director of Community Organizing and Public Advocacy at the Anti-Violence Project. “The New York City Anti-Violence Project has been the recipient of various funding streams from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) on the state and federal level for many years. This funding allows us to provide vital services to LGBTQ survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Queens and citywide, many of whom are immigrants and require additional services and support in culturally and linguistically specific manners. Without this funding, the lives of all survivors of violence will be at risk, especially marginalized communities like LGBTQ and immigrant communities.”

“From the proposed cuts to housing programs that enable low-income older adults to live in appropriate and affordable housing to the possible changes to health care, Medicaid, and Medicare, New York City’s seniors stand to lose access to programs that enable them to age with independence and dignity,” said Sandy Myers, Director of Government and External Relations at Selfhelp Community Services. “Without adequate investments in home and community based services and proper health care, Selfhelp’s seniors and countless others will be forced to pursue more costly alternatives during a phase of life where many already struggle to get by on fixed incomes. With 10,000 people tuning 65 a day across this country, now is the time to be investing in older adults and the organizations that serve them.”

“What President Trump has threatened shows all too clearly how little he cares about lifting up the American people and puts the vitality of our city in jeopardy,” said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. “This is just the beginning of the budget process and should be seen as the start of our negotiations, not the final word. We are working with our Congressional Delegation and will continue to fight these proposed cuts.”

“Under the president’s budget, we are very concerned about cuts to federal grants, especially National Institutes of Health grants, and the affect this would have on our efforts to serve the local South Asian community,” said Rehan Mehmood, Director of Health

Services for SACSS. “We will be watching closely as the budget process continues to unfold.”

“The loss or reduction of funding for the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program would have greatly destabilized all safety-net hospitals in New York City, especially those serving Queens,” said Israel Rocha, CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. “Without this funding, all patients are affected given the tough choice hospitals are forced to make without DSH funding - close down life-saving programs due to funding shortages or close down all together. Either choice reduces access to vital care services and places all patients at risk. Given the large number of hospital closures in our borough over the last few years, Queens knows this choice all too well. We applaud Congresswoman Meng for fighting to preserve access to care for all of New York City!”

“President Trump’s proposed budget would have a stark effect on the cultural sector, not only in Queens, but throughout the country,” said David Strauss, Deputy Director of the Queens Museum. “The Queens Museum stands to lose more than \$400,000 in funding, grants that allow us to provide virtual tours for home-bound seniors, art-therapy programs for children with special needs, and exhibitions that help each of us gain new perspectives on our daily lives. Beyond that, the cuts translate to jobs lost, an undercutting of the leverage that encourages private donors to support cultural institutions, and a general devaluing of the proven connection between exposure to cultural institutions and academic success.”

“As a leadership organization representing and supporting over 60 Asian-serving social service agencies in New York City, the Asian American Federation knows that the Trump administration’s proposed budget cuts will translate into significant losses in funding for our member agencies, who rely on federal funding to provide senior services, youth programs, and other critical resources for low-income Asian immigrants,” said Asian American Federation Executive Director Jo-Ann Yoo. “These cuts will mean that social services for Asian New Yorkers, which are already drastically underfunded, will become even scarcer, putting that much more strain on our member agencies to try to meet the needs of all the clients who walk through their doors.”

Assembly Passes State Budget Extender To Protect Funding For Schools, Emergency Services, Vital Programs

“On April 3, 2017, I voted to keep state government operating (A.7067/A.7068). Passing a budget extender when we have been working very hard to come to a full budget agreement is a hard decision to make, but it’s the responsible thing to do. A government shutdown absolutely had to be avoided.

“If the state had shut down, funding to schools and emergency services would have stopped. Lifesaving programs – such as those that help seniors afford their prescription drugs, food and housing assistance for the poor, and care for the sick and disabled – would have lapsed. We can’t let disagreements in government

become threats to the health and well-being of millions of New Yorkers.

“Now, with the extender in place as a safety net, we must focus on passing a comprehensive, fiscally responsible, fair state budget this week. I will keep fighting to ensure that a final state budget delivers for our community.”

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Crowley Announces the Kalief Browder Re-Entry Success Act

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Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, held a press conference on the steps of City Hall to announce the introduction of his Kalief Browder Re-Entry Success Act, federal legislation that seeks to improve mental health services for those re-entering society after time in jail or prison. The bill is named after the 16 year-old Bronx resident who was incarcerated for three years, often in solitary confinement, without any formal charges brought against him. When Kalief was finally released, he did all he could to rebound and regain the life he once had. However, struggling with the trauma he endured while in jail, Kalief would eventually take his own life in 2015.

"Tragically, Kalief's story is not uncommon," said Rep. Crowley, whose district includes Rikers Island. "The formerly incarcerated often struggle to understand and deal with their mental health challenges alongside the myriad of difficulties they face integrating back into society. And those who were treated for existing mental health issues while in prison often face discontinuity of treatment and services once they are no longer in the system. We have a moral obligation to do what we can to ensure successful community re-entry and that means providing the resources necessary for people with mental health challenges to get help. And with this new bill, I hope we can do just that – as well as help prevent future tragedies."

Crowley's legislation would instruct the Attorney General and the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health to set up a pilot program that seeks to assess the mental health of prisoners before they leave prison and provide continuity of mental health and other community services after release.

Under the legislation, both the U.S. Bureau of Prisons as well as state and local departments of corrections will submit proposals in conjunction with organizations that provide mental health and other social services outlining the program they intend to set up and the services they will provide to exiting offenders. The Attorney General, in determining grant recipients, will give priority to those facilities with a high percentage of prisoners in restrictive housing, as well as a high percentage of recidivism and re-incarceration among individuals recently released from the facility or facilities under their jurisdiction.

"Kalief let the world know of the injustices of the Department of Corrections by not being silent," said Akeem Browder, Kalief's brother. "The Browder Family extends our voices through every means possible to get you to understand that we need to change the culture of this topic and make it ok to speak about mental health and suicide."

"If mental health services had been provided prior to and directly upon Kalief Browder's release from Rikers Island perhaps it could have changed his fate," said Paul Prestia, the Browder family's attorney. "This legislation will ensure that those who've had their mental health compromised in prison are at least afforded some semblance of care to facilitate their return to society."

"The Fortune Society strongly supports the Kalief Browder Re-entry Success Act," said JoAnne Page, The Fortune Society President and CEO. "Over the fifty years since our founding, we have served literally hundreds of thousands of individuals trying to rebuild their lives after release from incarceration. We recognize the urgent need for provision of mental health services for those returning

home, both for their sakes and for their families and communities. We are glad to see the bill named after Kalief Browder in the hope that his tragic death will result in services to prevent future similar tragedies."

"Restrictive housing continues to be over-utilized as a strategy for both punishment and protection of America's jail and prison inmates," said Arthur C. Evans Jr., Ph.D., American Psychological Association CEO. "Representative Crowley's legislation seeks to expand the knowledge base around what works to address symptoms of mental illness experienced by those reentering their communities from prison or jail--particularly those who have endured time in restrictive housing."

"Investing in mental health-care for the formerly incarcerated makes the integration back into society safer for everyone involved, reduces recidivism, enhances public safety and helps our organization provide quality and compassionate care for our constituents," said Julio Medina, Exodus Transitional Community Executive Director.

According to an analysis of a Bureau of Justice Statistics report by Health Affairs, 50 percent of male and 75 percent of female inmates in state prisons, and 75 percent of female and 63 percent of male inmates in jails, will experience a mental health problem requiring mental health services in any given year.

Crowley's legislation has broad support from a range of organizations including: The Fortune Society, American Psychological Association, American Jail Association, Justice Policy Institute, Association of State Correctional Administrators, Exodus Transitional Community, and the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund.

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the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the 111th street proposal DOT had to come back to the committee because their proposals was flawed and needed tweaking and in good conscience the committee could not rubber stamp any of the flawed proposals. Each time DOT left the committee they had to wait until DOT came back with new proposals. DOT came back and came back and each time they presented a new concept to the proposal they previously presented it opened additional questions from the Committee. Every revised proposal had the Committee requesting additional information to the flawed proposals. Their proposals did not take into consideration many issues that this over crowded and growing community of tax-paying residents are now facing.

If everyone knows the Mayor and the Members of the City Council work for the taxpayers not for themselves and are supposed to listen to the needs of the people they must answer the questions taxpayers have about the safety of this project, then why are they not listening to their employees and answer the legitimate concerns the Board has about this project before implementing it.

Mayor de Blasio announced that the city would implement the plan to transform 111th Street despite protests from Community Board 4. Even after the many unanswered question the Committee had with DOT over the 111th Street project. It is amazing that the first time the full board saw the 111th Street proposal and they voted to ask DOT to bring back a better proposal. That has to say something about DOT's proposal. Why then will the Mayor not listen to the Community Board and let DOT come back to the Board and answer the question of why paint is safer than Traffic Lights and crosswalk counters?

Let's set the record straight for Mayor de Blasio. Councilmember Ferreras-Copeland pushed the Transportation Committee to bring the 111th Street Proposal to CB#4's Full Board even though the Committee had so many unanswered questions to be answered the committee released the DOT 111th Street Proposal to the Full Board. At the Full Board meeting the full board was as uncomfortable with the DOT proposal as was the transportation committee and rejected the proposal as presented by tabling it for another time.

For 25 years the safety of 111th Street has been a priority CB#4, CB#4 for 25 years has been asking for what the Mayor now calls Vision Zero to be implemented on 111th Street by having traffic lights, crosswalks and crosswalk counters installed on 111th Street for the safety of all people as well as refurbishing the islands.

DOT kept telling the committee that the Federal Government DOT would not allow Traffic Lights to be installed on 111th Street, this in not true. The

Federal DOT legal department, when asked said that all we do is make guidelines and if there is a safety issue NYS and NYC DOT's can place traffic signals at intersections when there is a safety issue. Is this project not a SAFETY ISSUE? Everyone tells CB#4Q including Councilmember Ferreras-Copeland, DOT and all the interest groups focused of 111th Street that 111th Street is unsafe, so if that is true where is the traffic lights? CB#4Q has presented the same safety measure year after year for 25 years to have Traffic Lights, crosswalks, crosswalk counters and for the Islands to be refurbished. CB#4Q felt that this addressed all safety issues however their requests fell on deaf ears. It seems that safety is not the issue, bike lanes are the issue. The committee reminded DOT that bike lanes already exist in Flushing Meadows Corona Park (FMCP) from Northern Boulevard through FMCP to Corona Avenue to the overpass which brings you into Forest Hills. The Committee reminded DOT that Central Park has bike lanes through the Park for safety purposes and the Committee wondered why Central Park is treated different than FMCP and is it not safer for bicyclists to be where there is limited traffic.

Each time DOT brought the CB#4's Transportation Committee a proposal the proposal was flawed DOT always had to change the proposal. The First proposal included 114th Street in the proposal which was unacceptable for a bike lane. That is when the committee found out the truth the project if all about bike lanes not safety issue. The second proposal was again flawed because of the a bike lane would adversely affect Rego Park Nursing Home's parking by removing parking for a bike lane would eliminated access for emergency vehicles that service the nursing home as well as those who visited their relative in the nursing home. Again bike lanes are the important issue not safety. Remember it took months for each new proposal to be brought to the committee. The next proposal again had another issue which was, bike lanes would remove curb parking so the bike lane could run next to the curb. This red flagged a safety issue for the proposed school is to be built. How safe will the children and their parents be when bikes are flying by when children are leaving or arriving to school? The committee asked how bike lanes can be placed in front of a school where children will be dropped off and picked up by their parents and school buses, how safe in this proposal for the children and their parents?

Another flaw in the new proposal was making additional parking along the west side of the islands that divide 111th Street was found. It is what happens when you open the driver's side door because when the doors are opened they will open into shrubbery, how do you get out of the car

Queens Council on the Arts announces 2 Artists for QCA ArtHotel Residency

Queens Council on the Arts (QCA) is pleased to announce two artists have been selected for the newly established QCA ArtHotel Residency, a program of the Queens Art Fund in partnership with the Z NYC Hotel and the Paper Factory Hotel.

The QCA ArtHotel Residency artists chosen to participate are visual artists Erin Treacy and Jennifer Williams.

The artists were chosen from a pool of applicants based upon criteria that included artistic excellence, a public engagement experience and a clear proposal of art activity to happen during the residency. For more information about the artists, please visit the QCA website, www.queenscouncilarts.org.

QCA Executive Director Hoong Yee Krakauer says, "We are delighted to be able to offer a chance for artists to create work in unexpected places, and we are thrilled to have the support of the local hotels who understand our



Erin Treacy



Jennifer Williams

concerns for artists' need of space to work."

This residency is intended give artists a safe place to focus on their work in the public realm, build different audiences, and be seen making work within the Queens community. In turn this will give access to the public to a working artist's process.

The public will be invited

into the artist's "hotel" studios to experience the creative process at various times during the residency. The QCA website will have updates for ongoing activities as each of these participating hotels for the duration of the 3 month residency.

The local hotels were chosen

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Whirl With Merle

Video Exhibition on the Manhattan Bridge Anchorage

by Merle Exit

Grab a spot near Anchorage Place and Pearl Street in Brooklyn to see: Light Year 24: Passenger Moment on Thursday, April 6th, 7PM – 10PM

The exhibition will be presented via "Live Feed" online the day of the show as well. Curated by LuchiaMeihua Lee the participating artists and video titles are: MengChih Chiang, A Stranger to Words; Jeremiah Teipen, Ice Cubes Melting in a Plastic Cup; Poyen Wang, A Fabricated Personal History; Chinchih Yang, Kill Me or Change; Rosalie Yu and AlonChitayat, Skin Deep.

Got this info straight from Luchia.Passenger Moment is a title which designates reacting to a system of thought that is based on life. As humans, we are confronted with a transitory existence that is relative to the world when we arrived. Included in this exhibit are five artists who use their personal experiences in life to expand the relationship between themselves

and their subjects, and furthermore to express their concerns about the surroundings. This presentation is not to celebrate the beauty of nature or to praise the charming, romantic and magnificent. Instead of that, we investigate self and society.

Poyen Wang in A Fabricated Personal History took faces of stranger children and transferred them to familiar yet alien faces. In doing so, he addresses the assimilation period to the new land or the new world.

All various color skins are also present in this multi-cultural city and in the Skin Deep project sketched by Rosalie Yu and AlonChitayat, where a wide variety of human faces appear in the running video that been painted in different colors. The dripping lines and colors show its spontaneous drawing texture and a cold, lifeless face as urban residents pass by.

After learning the various languages, the letters and venues in another way turn to familiar or unfamiliar ways to connect

people universally, as decoded by MengChih Chiang's A Stranger toWordsthat intertwines lines and mingles them with letters. The turning shape takes the viewer to an illuminated and illusionary world. In our materials world, we take pride in rapid high-tech development, ignoring the harmful effect on the environment and our very lives.

Overused consumer goods turn to be undecomposed chemical elements that fly around in Jeremiah Teipen's Ice Cubes Melting in a Plastic Cup.

Also, the 30,000 beverage cans – the number used by the average American in a lifetime - that drop onto Chinchih Yang's head in Kill Me or Change remind us of the astonishing quantities of waste that we have created and that are so deleterious to the earth, the planet which we only recently have come to see as fragile. This view project in this light year is without doctrine, but a beautiful, creative, abstract image that indicates us as strangers to this world.

I'm Beginning To Think Like Stephen Colbert

by Merle Exit

In case you were wondering what Easter at the White House will entail this year, here is the list.

There will be a traditional Egg Hunt. Trump, however, will sign an Executive Order that the eggs be raw unless they can be cooked using coal.

Due to Trump's present relation with China, he signed an Executive Order to ban the traditional Egg Roll.

For participating, each child is given a commemorative wooden Easter egg which in the past has been signed by the President and First Lady. Trump will sign an Executive Order to allow the Jewish boy and his wife to sign

instead.

Trump will sign an Executive Order to have each of the eggs painted using the colors of red, white and blue. Since there is no budget for the intricate stars, the eggs may have very strong resemblance to that of the Russian Flag.

Up to about 50,000 have been chosen from those submitting a request. Participants were chosen by a "lottery". A list has not been revealed as yet. However, it was leaked that there were many with the last names of: Ivanov, Smirnov (prevalent in the Vulgar region), Kuznetsov, Popov, Vasiliev, Petrov, Sokolov, Mikhailov, Lebedev, and Pavlov. Those that might have immigrated from Libya, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Yemen and Somalia were

banned. To show that Trump is not antisemitic, people of the Jewish religion were welcome to make a request.

Rather than the usual live performance music slated for all ages, Trump will sign an Executive Order to use only corpses as he cut the budget in the arts. It remains an FBI secret as to where he will have the corpses dug up. This also includes the slated instructional dance party on the South Lawn. All dance steps will be to the right.

An ultimate all-in-one obstacle course. Climb, jump, run, hide, and then lie in order get to the top. You must yell, "I won" five times whether you did or not.

Storytime will feature readings from Mein Kampf.

Long Island City Artists Present Their Spring Showcase

43 Member Artists display artwork at the new Plaxall Gallery

LIC-A/Long Island City Artists, Inc., presents its SPRING SHOWCASE of the work of 43 of its artist-members from April 12-May 11, 2017 at the Plaxall Gallery, 5-25 46th Ave. Long Island City, NY. Coinciding with the LIC FLEA MARKET's weekend openings, the work will be on view Saturdays and Sundays from 12-5 pm. Visitors can also attend on Thursday evenings between 6:30-9 pm when LIC-A's popular Life Drawing Workshop is held. Fee for the Workshop is \$10. The SPRING SHOWCASE is open to the public for free. Artists will be present to talk to visitors and to give tours of the exhibition.

Opening reception for Spring Showcase will be held Wednesday, April 12, from 6-9 pm. There will be refreshments and live music by the Gimagua Brothers, Guillermo and Gabriel Ariza, Queens residents who play rumba, flamenco, Cuban, and South American folk



style music on guitar.

About the Plaxall Gallery: The new Plaxall Gallery, LIC-A's present home location in Long Island City, has been open since Fall 2016, presenting exhibitions, performances and new play readings, as well as Drawing workshops. There is a series of consecutive exhibitions planned through September 2017

which includes a May exhibition coinciding with the LIC ARTS OPEN, a summer invitational, EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER, and a juried exhibition in August, MAKING CONNECTIONS, funded in part by an Access Grant through the Queens Council on the Arts.

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(April 6 to April 12)

National Poetry Month is on and many schools are off this week. The borough responds with various open mics, a brick festival, a double dose of Shakespeare, food, film, art openings, and of course, Rubber Band Man.

April 6, National Poetry Month Celebration, 6:30 pm. Learn about Poetry Month's history, enjoy a featured reading by official Queens Poet Laureate Maria Lisella, participate in an open mic. \$4 suggested donation. Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, Astoria, <http://bit.ly/2nTkC0g>.

April 6, King Lear, April 9. Using plenty of poetic license, this version shows King Lear with Alzheimer's disease. He divides his empire among his feuding children and wrestles with his mortality. Nightly show times are 7:30 pm with an extra matinee on April 9 at 2:30 pm. \$18 in advance/\$20 at the door. The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2mIPJz>.

April 6, Open Mic: Poetry and Jazz, 6 pm. This event is for poets, storytellers, freestyle rappers, and emerging artists. The theme is Poetry and Jazz. Free. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2nPttY8>.

April 7, Global Mashup: Japan Meets Puerto Rico, 8 pm. Annette A. Aguilar n StringBeans presents Puerto Rican jazz. Masayo Ishigure and the Miyabi Koto Shamisen Ensemble do traditional Japanese music with a jazz and classical twist. Each band plays a set, then the two meet and jam. \$16/\$10 for students/free for teens. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2nx0AVU>.

April 7, Twelfth Night, April 9. Titan Theatre Company, an artist-in-residence, presents this Shakespearean comedy. A shipwreck leaves Viola with fears that her twin brother is dead. She ends up in a love triangle after masquerading as a man (in her brother's clothes) in order to procure a job. (April 7, 7:30 pm; April 8, 7:30 pm; April 9, 4 pm.) \$18. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2n1AyLw>.

April 8, Brick Fest Live, April 9. The total LEGO experience with a derby, glow zone, architecture, pit, and much more. Free with admission. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona, <http://bit.ly/2o2SoQV>.

April 8, The Spinners plus Little Anthony & The Imperials, 8 pm. This up-tempo R&B group ruled the 1970s with "Rubber Band Man" and performances with precision choreography. Little Anthony still has the Doo Wop talent. \$35-\$69. Colden Auditorium, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2o2DURb>.

April 8, In The Mood, 3 pm. This musical is a celebration of the 1940s Swing Era with In The Mood singers and dancers and the big band orchestra String Of

Pearls. \$35-\$40. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2nPHxrA>.

April 8, LiVEART.US: International Transmedia Performances, 2 pm. This month's program is an exploration in performance art through diverse manifestation of sound, spoken word, and visual narratives. Participants are Polina Riabova (Russia, poetry), Julia Santoli (Italy, multi-media, music), Joshi Radin (United States, video, photography), and Maryam Taghavi (Iran/Canada, photography, installation, video). Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2ou9sR8>.

April 8, A Poetic Celebration of Womanhood and Sisterhood, 3 pm. Poems of Muriel Yvonne Nickens with vocalist Linda Jones-Prince, pianist Jonathan Archer, and dancer/choreographer Tina Atterbury. Free. Douglaston/Little Neck Branch Library, 249-01 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2nwVIjp>.

April 9, Chuck Berry: Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll, 7 pm. A tribute screening of a film of recently deceased Chuck Berry's 60th birthday party with performances, interviews, and backstage scenes. \$15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2o2J5Rc>.

April 9, Spring Exhibitions Opening, 3 pm. A performance by Marinella Senatore, Protest Forms: Memory and Celebration Part II, which kicks off at 4 pm and includes the debut of a Queens Anthem and the participation artists from spoken word poets to a symphony orchestra. Meet the creators behind the exhibitions, including the artists-in-residence. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2ou9sR8>.

April 9, South Asian Food Walk, 1 pm. A guided tour to explore the food, spices, and tastes of Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. \$57 (includes food but not beverages). Meet at Dera Restaurant, 72-09 Broadway, Jackson Heights, <http://bit.ly/2nwOsUF>.

April 12, Spring Film Series: Five Fingers (1952), 2 pm. An eight-week series with dramatic and comedic films exploring issues from national security to gender insecurity. Each movie has a post-screening discussion. Remaining schedule follows: April 12, Five Fingers (1952); April 19, Notorious; May 3, Indiscreet (1958); May 10, To Be or Not To Be (1942); and May 17, Some Like it Hot (1959). Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2nTgIeu>.

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For the Week of ... 4/6/17 - 4/12/17

For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
(Mar. 21 - April 20)
You will be likely to make personal mistakes. Try to control your irritability if you're experiencing emotional problems with your partner. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,1.

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts. Get involved in activities that will bring you pleasure. Your lucky numbers are 6,4,3.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
Opportunities to improve your living standards will come through joint financial investments. You will learn easily if you put forth an effort. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,2.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)
Pay attention to important details. You may want to take a trip. Do not get involved with individuals who are already committed to others. Lucky numbers are 3,2,1.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
You're likely to encounter good business prospects if you travel. Double check your work. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. Your lucky numbers are 4,8,5.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
New friendships will develop through group events. Get the red tape and the unwanted paperwork out of the way. Your lucky numbers are 3,7,2.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You can make money through your creative efforts. Nagging has never been something that you could tolerate. Don't be afraid of opposition. Your lucky numbers are 9,6,3.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Get the whole family involved in a worthwhile cause or cultural event. You will want to take off and have some recreation. Start sending out those resumes. Your lucky numbers are 8,2,1.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You need to be active and spend time with friends and family. You may feel that someone at work is holding you back. Your lucky numbers 5,3,1.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Direct your energy wisely this week. Anger will prevail if you expect help from others. Refuse to let others make unrealistic demands of you. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You might have some problems balancing your books. Your intellectual charm will entice new love interests. Your lucky numbers are 1,7,9.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
You need some time to relax. Social activity should be on your agenda. Clear up domestic chores that have remained undone for some time. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,7.

Did You Know?

Blue whales heart is the size of a VW Beetle and that you could swim through some of its arteries.

Hydrogen is a light, odorless gas, which, given enough time, turns into people.

All of the gold mined in the history of the world would more or less fit into a 20x20x20 meter cube.

Once Charlie Chaplin entered a contest for "Charlie Chaplin look-alikes" and he came in third.

Of all the people in history that have reached 65 years of age, half of them are living right now.

Mayonnaise is made from oil and eggs.

The sun is 400x further from the earth than the moon, but the moon is 400x smaller than the sun.



Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Crossword Puzzle"

BLOW HEDGE AFRO
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RECLUSE BEHOOVE
OFT INNER
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ELM EAGLE VERGE
AWESTRICKEN
SNEER USE
NOVELTY SNAPPER
OVERSHADOW TORO
RANI AGORA OLLIO
TETE WITTY REST

"Sudoku"

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"Try and Find"

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AACROSS

- Extend credit
- Accumulate
- FFF F
- Double-reed woodwind
- A seal
- Masterstroke
- Diva's solo
- Warehouse
- Surrender
- Distended
- It comes from a hen
- Adjust again
- Tomfoolery
- Under a spell
- Good-looker
- Married
- Was indebted
- Supporting column
- Rend
- S
- Birthing coach
- Varnish ingredient
- Compulsively
- Suffered
- Foot digit
- A disrespectful laugh
- Not devious
- Beyond belief
- Type of sword
- Apollo astronaut Slayton
- Adhesives
- Liturgy
- At one time (archaic)
- Affirmatives
- Glance over

DOWN

- Unit of bread
- River of Spain
- French for "Black"
- Was unbearably loud
- Designate
- Glove
- Yore
- Knights
- Killed
- French school
- Infractions
- A friction match
- All tucked out
- Steed
- Quaint outburst
- Sneaker or pump
- Chops
- Former lovers
- Convulsion
- Cunning
- Collection of maps
- Louse-to-be
- Sage
- Wicked
- Declare untrue
- Weep
- Merrymakers
- Avoid
- Violent disturbance
- Pressure
- Comment to the audience
- Not outer
- Tongue touches
- Everglades bird
- Jittery
- Anger
- Away from the wind
- Sweeping story
- Bristle
- Observed
- Passenger vehicle



TRY AND FIND

I'M GOING TO DISNEY WORLD

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Castle Futuristic Lagoon Spaceship
Cinderella Haunted Lion Starwars
Courtyard Island Mansion Treehouse
Dumbo Jungle Parade Splash
Epcot King Railroad Swiss

Council Member Crowley And Parks Department Host Scope Meeting on Future of Rosemary's Playground

Children and families fill Rosemary's Playground each and every day in Ridgewood, despite an inadequate play area, chipped paint and some safety concerns. The park last saw updates in 1997, when it was entirely reconstructed, and now, 20 years later, City Council Member Elizabeth Crowley and Borough President Melinda Katz have allocated funding for a \$3.2 million facelift of the neighborhood gem.

Last week, the Council Member and the Department of Parks and Recreation hosted a scope meeting to brainstorm what they'd like to see for the future of their park. Representatives from the Friends of Rosemary's Playground, the Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association, Community Board 5 and local residents all joined and gave ideas including: an enclosed toddler area, seating, a designated teen area, water play stations and more.

"When Ridgewood residents came to me almost two years ago, looking for a solution for their park, I knew immediately that something had to be done. So we found the funding and put a long-term plan in motion for re-



ally sustainable results," Crowley said. "These park upgrades will completely revitalize a beloved park in the neighborhood, a place that so many families depend on every day."

"Rosemary's Playground is a key component of our borough's park system enjoyed by children from all across Ridgewood and nearby neighborhoods," Katz said. "These upgrades will help ensure that the playground is available as a first-class children's play space for years and years to come."

The Parks Department will take the community's suggestion, create a preliminary design concept

and present it to the community in the fall. Construction is slated to begin in 2019, followed by a year-long construction period. The Borough President allocated \$2.7 million for the project, and \$500,000 came from Crowley.

"I was thrilled to join Council Member Crowley and so many impassioned community members at the scoping meeting to hear their vision for the future of Rosemary's Playground," said Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski. "Our next step is to draft a new design for the park that will open the space and provide updated amenities for all ages."

Queens County Young Democrats Appoints 2017 Caucus Chairs

On Thursday, March 30th, the Queens County Young Democrats (QCYD) Executive Board gathered at the Latin American Intercultural Alliance to formally introduce the Chairs of QCYD's Caucuses. QCYD's caucuses play the role of promoting the involvement of particular groups in the political process and the activities of the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels.

Last year, QCYD grew to six caucuses; this year, the organization has expanded to nine, adding from new Americans, individuals of faith and foreign policy professionals. Each caucus holds regular meetings to develop action items and plans an event for the full membership body to participate. Those who serve in caucus leadership as well as other appointed roles have the opportunity to expand their professional portfolios while amplifying QCYD's impact organizationally tenfold.

QCYD's caucuses are the following; all new caucuses are noted as such:

1. Caucus of Color: Bringing attention to current issues in communities of color.
2. College Student Caucus: Raising awareness about current issues facing students, including the cost of education, student loans, and post-college life. New Caucus.
3. Foreign Policy Caucus: Educating members about global relations and how the Trump administration will change foreign policy as we know it. New Caucus.
4. High School Caucus: Introducing government to a new generation and raising awareness about issues affecting young Americans including first time voting and college selection based on affordability. New Caucus.



Pictured from left to right: Amir Abbady (Vice President of Diversity & Outreach); Breeana Mulligan (Communications Director); Catherina Gioino (College Caucus Co-Chair); Mashaal Bhatti (High School Caucus Co-Chair); Franck Joseph (New Americans & Faith Based Caucus Co-Chair); Stacey Eliuk (President); Jacqueline Rozado (Women's Caucus Co-Chair); Khaleel Andersen (Caucus of Color Co-Chair); David Aronov (Secretary); Brian Hart (Labor Caucus Co-Chair); Mahbub Rahman (Member); Joy Chowdhury (New Americans & Faith Based Caucus Co-Chair); Antonio Alfonso (Vice President of Political Affairs); Xiang Siow (Legal Caucus Co-Chair); Rony Silvain (Caucus of Color Co-Chair); Brent Weitzberg (Legal Caucus Co-Chair); Danny Lasker (Member)

5. Labor Caucus: Discussing current and past labor issues. This includes Supreme Court rulings and city and state laws affecting workers.
6. LGBT Caucus: Raising awareness about current and past issues facing the LGBT community, including Supreme Court rulings and city and state laws affecting the LGBT community.
7. Legal Caucus: Raising awareness about current legal issues affecting New Yorkers such as election law and legal issues affecting people of color, women, workers, LGBT persons, and students.
8. New Americans and Faith-Based Caucus: Raising awareness on the struggles of immigrants, immigration policy and religious

9. Women's Caucus: Bringing attention to current issues in women's lives, including equality issues, and women's health issues. The 2017 caucus chairs are as follows:
 1. Color: Khaleel Anderson, Rony Silvain
 2. College: Catherina Giorno, Christopher Sperrazza
 3. Foreign Policy: Ryan Bacci, Tayler Jackson
 4. High School: Mashaal Bhatti, Justin Chew
 5. Labor: Christopher Erikson, Brian Hart
 6. LGBT: Charlotte Martin, Jeremy Rosenberg

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Statement by Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato on Support of Two-Month Budget Extender



"Our government employs about a quarter million hard-working men and women, and those people have families - not to mention that they agencies they run are crucial to the 19 million people of New York State. Shutting down the government and depriving people of paychecks and vital public services was not an option.

"There are some bright spots in the budget extender, including increased funding for home health care aides and crucial upgrades to 1878. These are wins to celebrate. But there's a lot more work to do. We'll be working day in and day out to make sure we come up with a compromise that's fair, transparent and fully funds our vital services."

"Because a new budget deal could not be reached by this past Friday, today I am voting to pass a two-month extension of the current FY budget. This is one of the hazards of our 'three-man-in-a-room' system of decision-making, which keeps the people out of the budget process and which must be changed.

Crowley's Statement on Equal Pay Day



women will earn a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

"Equal Pay Day is an important reminder of how much more work we must do to close the gender wage gap and open opportunity for all workers. On average, women are paid only 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. The disparity is even worse for Latinas and African-American women. This wage gap is not only unfair, it severely hinders women's long-term financial growth and stability, hurts hardworking families, and is bad for the economy.

"Congress can take action to fix this problem by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act, which will help women fight wage discrimination. It's really quite simple: equal work deserves equal pay. It is time to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and ensure workplace fairness."

House Democratic Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on Equal Pay Day, which reflects how far into the current year women must work to match what men earned in the previous year. Crowley is a co-sponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which strengthens the Equal Pay Act and helps to ensure

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Rep. Maloney Introduces Bill to Help Small Businesses Grow in Developing Communities

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12) recently gathered at Roberto's Winds, a thriving small business in Manhattan, with NYC Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Gregg Bishop, local Chambers of Commerce, NYC small businesses, and Community Development Financial Institutions to celebrate Small Business Week and announce her push to prioritize loans for small business growth in developing communities with the reintroduction of her bill, the Investing in America's Small Businesses Act.



The Investing in America's Small Businesses Act of 2017, introduced this week, would provide grants to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to establish loan-loss reserve funds for small business loans under \$50,000, allowing CDFIs to leverage private investments to expand their small business lending programs. These small loans give businesses working capital, help them invest in new equipment or supplies, and have no pre-payment penalties. Rep. Maloney also shared a bipartisan letter she sent to the Appropriations Committee, signed by more than 70 other Members of Congress, requesting \$250 million for the CDFI Fund in FY18, a \$17 million increase from last year. The additional capital would allow the CDFI Fund to expand lending to small businesses as well as larger businesses that

struggle to find the credit they need to thrive in low-income and minority communities.

The CDFI Fund, a government agency housed within the Department of the Treasury, spurs investments in local and often underserved communities in rural, urban and Native areas by fostering the creation and expansion of CDFIs, private sector financial institutions that specialize in providing affordable credit, creating jobs, and revitalizing neighborhoods. Despite a proven record of success, the CDFI Fund is constantly under attack, most recently from the Trump Administration, whose budget proposal would cut all grant funding from the CDFI Fund. Opponents of the Fund argue that it is unnecessary

as the private sector can fill the need by providing credit and financial services to underserved communities. Last year, however, the total funding requests from applications to the CDFI Fund was four times greater than Fund resources. It is clear that private sector investments are not enough to address the significant need for small business credit in underserved communities.

The Investing in America's Small Businesses Act is strongly supported by the local business and CDFI communities.

The bill has also received broad support from national organizations in the industry.

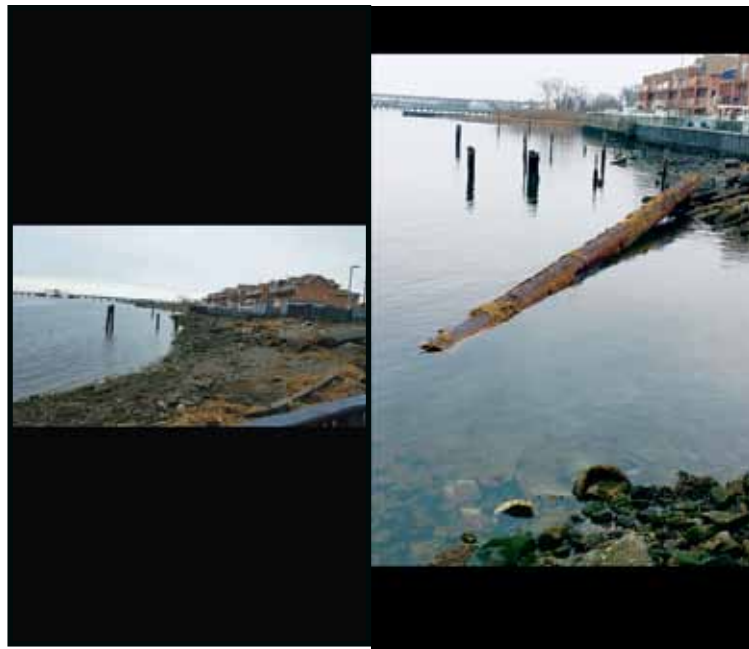
The Investing in America's Small Businesses Act introduced on Thursday, March 30.

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, Army Corps Remove 80-Foot Beam from Bungalow Bar

On March 28th, at the urging of Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, the US Army Corps of Engineers towed an 80-foot beam that had become lodged in the shoreline back out to sea. The beam had gotten snagged and had been partially attached to a landing near the Bungalow Bar, a popular local pub, for well over a month.

Daniel "Dee" Tubridy, the owner of Bungalow Bar, had been afraid that errant winds or currents might cause the beam to smash the restaurant's rear dock. "The Army Corps did us a solid here, and we really want to thank them," Tubridy said. "We'd been trying to get this taken care of, and didn't quite know how. We've been through a lot as a restaurant, but this was a new thing, and the departments seemed a little confused about what to do. Once we called Stacey's office, though, that was it. They were great - they made the connection quickly to the right people, we got it done, and that's a big load off our minds."

By Wednesday morning, March 29th, the beam had been towed out to sea, and no longer posed a threat to local people or



Before

After

property. "I'm so grateful to the Army Corps, who did an incredible job," said Pheffer Amato. "I'm a huge fan of the Bungalow Bar, and their dock is one of their best features. If the beam had hit it, I don't know how I would have lived with myself."

"In all seriousness," she continued, "Bungalow Bar is a fixture of our community, and

it was a pleasure to help them overcome an unexpected obstacle. Our neighbors face a lot of aftershocks from the events of Superstorm Sandy and from climate change. We're here to help. I hope other community members come to us to help solve their problems, whether they're small problems or 80 feet long."



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HeartShare Pre-Schoolers Build KaBOOM! Imagination Playground

HeartShare Cuomo First Step Pre-School unveiled its Imagination Playground in a Cart™, an innovative playground equipment system, on Friday, March 24.

HeartShare's Cuomo First Step pre-schoolers are enjoying the new activity thanks to a grant provided by Target and national non-profit KaBOOM! Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr. and Assemblyman David Weprin, who have been long-time advocates for early education programs at HeartShare, came by for the ribbon-cutting on Friday morning.

KaBOOM!, the national non-profit dedicated to giving all kids the childhood they deserve through play, is working with Target to increase access to play across the country. Grants for Imagination Playgrounds are helping to achieve that goal by bringing active play to more than 430,000 kids across the country.

Imagination Playground in a Cart™ is an innovative design in play equipment that encourages creativity, communication and collaboration in play. With a collection of custom-designed, oversized blue foam parts, Imagination Playground™ provides a changing array of elements that allow children to turn their playground into a space constantly built and re-built by their imagination.

"Through play, our pre-schoolers learn how to work together," said Dianne Cattrano, Director of HeartShare's Cuomo First Step Pre-School in Richmond Hill, Queens. "It's also an opportunity for typically developing children and children with developmental delays at our school to come together. It promotes inclusion of children with special needs and teaches acceptance among classmates at an early, but critical age," Cattrano added.

"At HeartShare, our children learn academic skills, socialization and creative play," said Carol Verdi, Vice President of HeartShare Education Services. "The Imagination Playground is a new and interest-



One of the many pre-schoolers at HeartShare's First Step Program to enjoy the KaBOOM! Imagination Playground, which promotes creative play for young, growing minds.



NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr. and Assemblyman David Weprin came out for the ribbon cutting of the KaBOOM! Imagination Playground at Cuomo First Step Pre-School in Richmond Hill, Queens on Friday, March 24.

ing tool allowing the children to engage in creative play."

Unstructured, child-directed play has proven to help kids develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, yet today's kids have less time and fewer opportunities to play than any previous generation. The grant is part of Target's ongoing efforts to help make wellness more affordable, accessible and inspirational for its team members, guests and communities.

HeartShare's four First Step

Early Childhood Centers in Brooklyn and Queens include special needs, integrated and Pre-K for All classrooms. By graduation, some have learned to walk, others to talk, communicate, and interact with other children. In every case, they have taken an important First Step toward their future and the learning path they will continue in kindergarten or special education classes.

To learn more about HeartShare's Education Services, visit www.heartshare.org.

Assembly Passes State Budget Extender To Protect Funding For Schools, Emergency Services, Vital Programs

"On April 3, 2017, I voted to keep state government operating (A.7067/A.7068). Passing a budget extender when we have been working very hard to come to a full budget agreement is a hard decision to make, but it's the responsible thing to do. A government shutdown absolutely had to be avoided.

"If the state had shut down, funding to schools and emergency services would have stopped. Lifesaving programs – such as those that help seniors afford their prescription drugs, food and housing assistance for the poor, and care for the sick and disabled – would have lapsed. We can't let disagreements in government

become threats to the health and well-being of millions of New Yorkers.

"Now, with the extender in place as a safety net, we must focus on passing a comprehensive, fiscally responsible, fair state budget this week. I will keep fighting to ensure that a final state budget delivers for our community."

Audible Pedestrian Crossing Signals Installed at Forest Hills

Crossing one hectic Forest Hills intersection just got a little easier for local seniors and people with impaired vision.

New Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), which indicate by sound or vibration when it's safe to cross, were recently installed

on the corner of Austin Street and Continental Avenue, the first such devices in the neighborhood.

The intersection, which is located in the middle of a popular shopping strip and near several senior centers, is among the

noisiest and most congested in the area at different times of day.

The Department of Transportation said the signals were also recently installed at the intersection of Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive in Woodhaven.

Queens County Young Democrats...

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7. Legal: Xiang Siow, Brent Weitzberg

8. New Americans & Faith-Based: Joy Chowdhury, Franck Joseph

9. Women's: Tunisia Morrison, Jacqueline Rozado

"We thrive most when we learn from the different voices at our table," President Stacey Eliuk remarked at the caucus chair announcement. "I think of what Brandon Stanton has done with Humans of New York. Everyone here has a story - we just need to listen for them. Now, more than ever, Democrats need to live up

to that big tent philosophy we're so famous for. I can't always be on the ground in an immigrant community, or at a mosque or synagogue, but those who are should have a chance to speak and be heard."

Following the announcement of caucus leadership, QCYD announced its members will participate in April 29th's Climate March in Washington, D.C. QCYD will also host a joint screening of "An Inconvenient Truth" with Powhatan Democratic Club on April 7th at Variety Boys & Girls Club in Astoria.

For more information, visit www.queensyoungdems.com.

Long Island City Artists Present Their Spring Showcase

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43 ARTIST EXHIBITION WORKS:

EduardoAnievas, AmandaBarker, LynnBerg,IndrajeetChandrachud, JasonCina, AnnCofta, Marilee Cooper, KathleenCornell-Berman, Carol Crawford, Adrian-DiMetriou, JaimeFournier, Eric-Friedmann, EtsudFungcap, NancyGesimondo, MichelleGoguen, SandraGorman, RaulGracia,

Jean-MarieGuyaux, Brett Harvey, PaulaHeisen, Theresa Kennedy, HilmaKrla, JiyounLee-Lodge, GillyLugo, NancyMacina, KristenMartin, MiwaNeishi, Steven-Palermo, AlexanderPuz, Linda-Rufo, TheoSahos, LoriSanford-Ross, ElinoreSchnurr, JacquelineSferra-Rada, HelaineSoller, EllenStedfeld, ClareStokolosa, PrestonTrombly, Yelena Tylkina, Arthur Volper, SandraVucicevic, Marji C.Wollin, SiuWong Camac

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Queens Sports

Queens College Athletics Partakes in Local "Midnight Run"

Queens College student-athletes and staff members volunteered their time to provide for the homeless on a Recent Monday night, participating in a "Midnight Run" around the local community.

Members of the Queens men's soccer, women's fencing and volleyball teams took part in the event, along with representatives from NYPIRG and the Andrew

Goodman Foundation. The group went on a run around the community to distribute food, clothing and footwear to the city's homeless.

Making a number of stops at different locations in the city, they were able to reach out and help a significant number of people in just one night. Clothes, shoes, toiletries, sandwiches and coffee were donated to those in need.

"It was an eye-opening experience and a great opportunity to do some good and give back to those less fortunate than ourselves," commented Ashley Brown of the men's soccer team.

Another run is currently being planned for mid-April through the Veterans Department on campus if you wish to donate items or volunteer your time in support of this campaign.

Congressional Leaders Condemn President Trump's Decision to Cut Off Funding for the United Nations Population Fund

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-25) and Congresswoman Diana DeGette (CO-1), co-chairs of the House Pro-Choice Caucus, along with Joe Crowley (NY-14), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Nita Lowey (NY-17), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee and State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Eliot Engel (NY-16), Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13) and Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14) released the following statement on President Trump's decision to slash funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). UNFPA supports a range of programs in more than 150 countries focusing

on safe birthing practices, anti-human trafficking initiatives, and efforts such as ending child marriage and female genital mutilation. UNFPA also delivers life-saving services to women and girls in war zones and refugee camps. For example, the United States is a major supporter, through the UNFPA, of the main maternity ward in the world's largest Syrian refugee camp where thousands of babies have been delivered without a single maternal death.

"President Trump's hypocrisy has reached new heights with his decision to halt U.S. assistance to the United Nations Population Fund. The President just recently claimed to have 'tremendous respect' for women and honored their role around the world, and

yet within a month he has issued a decision to cut off funding for the UNFPA, which will irreparably harm women and girls around the world. UNFPA works in war zones, refugee camps, and places where other groups are simply unable to provide assistance to the most vulnerable women and girls. In the midst of the most dire humanitarian emergencies, UNFPA protects these women and girls from human trafficking, child marriage, and maternal death. To cut off this funding is a cruel decision that will not only hurt women and their children, but will also further damage the leadership role of the United States around the globe. We call on the President to put women over politics and reverse this decision immediately."

Chairman Crowley Announces Launch of 2017 Congressional Art Competition for Students in Queens and the Bronx

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, announced the start of the 2017 Congressional Art Competition for high school students in New York's 14th Congressional District. The winning artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for an entire year beginning this summer.

"The annual Congressional Art Competition is a wonderful tradition," said Rep. Crowley. "It affords young, emerging artists an opportunity to share their creativity with the thousands of people who visit our nation's capital on a daily basis. I enjoy taking a moment each year to walk through the exhibit and I'm always inspired by the way

the youth in our country are expressing themselves. I look forward to seeing what the talented students from Queens and the Bronx have in store for us this year!"

The winner of the competition will be invited to attend an annual reception in Washington, D.C., as well as the opening of the exhibit which will also include artwork from other contest winners nationwide.

The 2016 first place finish went to Janice Lin, a senior at the High School for Arts and Business in Corona, for her acrylic painting "No Memories Left Behind".

The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school art competition that provides an opportunity for Members of

Congress to promote and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Over 650,000 high school students nationwide have participated in the competition since 1982.

Entries for the competition are now being accepted and must be received by Rep. Crowley's Queens District Office by Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in order to be considered. Rep. Crowley's Queens District Office is located at 82-11 37th Avenue, Suite 402, Queens, NY 11372.

For more information, please visit Rep. Crowley's website, the official Congressional Art Competition website, or contact Rep. Crowley's office at (718) 779-1400.

Queens Council on the Arts announces 2 Artists for QCA ArtHotel Residency

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for their willingness to work with QCA and their dedication to the arts in the Queens community.

"It's been an honor to work alongside the esteemed QCA in launching the first QCA ArtHotel residency and this is just the beginning of something much bigger for us! Paper Factory Hotel's aim has always been to create an environment dedicated to welcoming artists and musicians from all over the world and we're excited to have Erin Treacy as our first official ArtHotel Residence."

"Z NYC Hotel has been committed to the arts since opening in 2011 and we are thrilled to continue this commitment by working with the QCA on the launch of their ArtHotel Residency program," said Raymond Keane, Direc-

tor of Sales & Marketing, Z NYC Hotel. "Our first artist-in-residence will be installation artist,

Jennifer Williams, whose work is unique and engaging. We look forward to displaying her installations at our hotel, for all of our guests to enjoy."

The QCA ArtHotel Residency is made possible with funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Greater New York Arts Development Fund, in partnership with the City Council and in partnership of The Paper Factory Hotel and the Z NYC Hotel.

Queens Arts Fund provides funding for projects throughout the borough in a wide range of disciplines, enabling residents and visitors alike to experience high quality art all year long. The Queens Arts Fund is committed to supporting emerging artist from diverse cul-

tural backgrounds, working within all disciplines to create work that provide open and equal access for audiences in communities of Queens to further racial and cultural equity.

Queens Council on the Arts is the borough-wide arts council whose mission is to foster, and develop the arts in Queens County and to support individual artists and arts organizations in presenting their cultural diversity for the benefit of the community. For more information visit: www.queenscouncilarts.org

The Paper Factory Hotel Located in Astoria, at the crossroads of the Kaufman Arts District, <http://www.paperfactoryhotel.com> More about Z NYC Hotel Just steps from the Queensboro Bridge, the Z NYC Hotel is located in Long Island City. <http://www.zhotelnyc.com>

Why Have Community Boards When The Mayor Will Not Listen to Them

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safely? Where is the safety in this proposal?

DOT said that in the name of Safety they would paint the intersections, paint bike lanes and paint traffic lanes to make 111th Street safer. The committee asked the same question every meeting which has not yet been answered. Why does DOT believe that paint is safer than traffic lights, crosswalks, crosswalk counters and refurbished islands?

For the first time, after all the committee meetings, DOT brought their proposal to CB#4's full board March meeting. DOT made their proposal and the full board after listening to the proposal wanted more information and tabled the vote until DOT brought back to the committee a proposal addressing the recommendations made by the full board. The full board asked the same questions the committee asked and the Full Board was also not happy with DOT's answers.

The reason that CB#4 tabled DOT's proposal is that there are too many unknowns to the unanswered issues that will be affecting 111th Street such as: a study to have an entrance off of the Grand Central

Parkway (GCP) into the FMCP to eliminate the overflow of traffic onto 111th Street exit needs to be completed, the proposed school that will be built in front of the Hall of Science on 111th Street directly across from PS 28 also on 111th Street where is the traffic lights for safety of the children; the parking next to the islands where passenger side doors will open into shrubbery; an ongoing problem with buses entering and leaving the Hall of Science causing traffic congestion on 111th Street; the increase in traffic using the Hall of Science entrance and exit to get onto the GCP. How is the traffic congestion going to be handles on Corona Avenue in front FMCP ball fields when families pick up their children after baseball games are finished? How emergency vehicles i.e.: Fire, police, EMT, Ambulances response time will be slowed down by DOT's 111th Street proposal. There is only one way North and South to get in and out of Corona Heights and that is 108th Street. 111th Street is the escape valve for the congestion on 108th Street and Corona Avenue they have become very congested street. The 111th Street is the escape valve for the overflow of

traffic on 108th Street and Corona Avenue this project will generate more gridlock on the streets of Corona Heights, how does DOT plan to address this issue? The increase population in Corona Heights has brought an increase in automotive traffic. The 111th Street Proposal has not and does not address any of these issues.

These aforementioned reasons among other reasons are why Community Board 4 asked for DOT to return to the Committee and then to the Board so the members can vote on a revised 111th Street project that address safety issues first such as Traffic Lights, Cross walks, Crosswalk Counters and refurbish Islands.

It seems as though the Mayor goes deaf when community boards speak. Who better to listen to than Community Board members that live and work in communities they represent?

The Mayor must rethink his decision to use paint to resolve safety issues, review the flawed statistics and agree with the recommendations of CB#4Q and implement safer ways for 111th Street such as Traffic Lights, Cross walks, Crosswalk Counters and refurbish Islands.

3 Ways Seniors Can Get More from Smartphones

With the rapid pace of new developments in smartphone technology, it can be hard to keep up with all the changes, especially if you grew up in an era when phones were attached to a cord.

Phones these days aren't what they used to be -- but that's for the best, as smartphone technology can actually improve your life. Here are three easy ways that seniors can get more from

smartphones:

1. "Read" audiobooks.

Whether your hands are tied up gardening or cooking, or you simply want to give

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Suozi Announces Congressional Art Competition Open to High School Students in New York's Third Congressional District

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D -- Long Island, Queens) proudly announced the start of the Artistic Discovery Contest, a nation-wide high school art competition. The contest is open to all high school students living in New York's Third Congressional District, and the winning artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. The top three runners-up will have their submissions shown in Congressman Suozzi's Washing-

ton, D.C., Huntington, and Queens offices.

Suozi spokesperson Lou Wasson said "the Congressman, who serves as Chairman of the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, commissioned a painting by Mort Kunstler to paint the accurate portrayal of Washington's Crossing the Delaware, and included artwork as part of the historic renovations of the Glen Cove City Hall and the Nassau County Theodore Roosevelt

Executive and Legislative buildings, has always been a strong supporter of the arts."

All entries must be submitted to Congressman Suozzi's Huntington office no later than 5:30pm on April 26th, 2017. There will be a reception a few days later, where first place and runners-up will be announced. The first-place student and their family will receive transportation to Washington, D.C. for a ceremony at the Capitol.

Queens Launches Poetry Contest In Schools: "What Does Freedom Mean To Me?"

Poetry Contest to Commemorate 230th Anniversary of the Signing of the U.S. Constitution and 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and the Queens Poet Laureate Maria Lisella announced this year's Only in Queens Poetry Contest, offered to Queens schools as a homework assignment beginning this week for students in grades four, seven and eleven throughout the borough. Under the theme: "What Does Freedom Mean to Me", the contest is held to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution and the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State. The purpose is to inspire and engage Queens students in a discussion about freedom, civil rights, diversity and civic participation through poetry, thought, research and conversation in the classroom and at home.

"Queens is forever proud to be the birthplace of religious freedom and home of the Flushing Remonstrance, the precursor to the Bill of Rights," Queens Borough President MELINDA KATZ said. "We are pleased to commemorate the anniversaries of two important hallmarks of our nation's history through an educational poetry contest in Queens schools. We encourage students to express your personal voice about freedom, civil rights and diversity through the art of poetry and prose."

"We are so lucky to live in Queens, New York,

America where the world lives," Queens Poet Laureate MARIA LISELLA said. "Look, listen, read and write what you hear and observe: at its most powerful, poetry celebrates daily life, which makes it essential to understanding one another."

The contest is in collaboration with seven notable Queens cultural and historic organizations whose mission and programming are consistent with the contest's goals: John Bowne House - Bowne Historical Society; Lewis H. Latimer House Museum; Kingsland Homestead - Queens Historical Society; King Manor Museum; Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives; Louis Armstrong House Museum; and the Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum.

"As the home of Rufus King, one of the framers of the United States Constitution and an early voice in the anti-slavery movement, King Manor Museum is thrilled to take part in the Queens Borough President's Poetry Contest," King Manor Museum in Queens' Executive Director NADEZHDA WILLIAMS said. "King was constantly learning, thinking, and writing about freedom and government. While he never put any of those thoughts down as poetry, I am sure he would have loved to hear the applications. What a wonderful way to mark the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution - we look forward to what freedom means to Queens students!"

Statue Cruises, the official ticket and tour provider to the Statue of Liberty Monument, is a support-

ing partner of the Only in Queens Poetry Contest. The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet tall in the New York harbor and has welcomed millions of immigrants to the United States.

"A record number of visitors sailed on board Statue Cruises last year to visit our symbol of freedom and democracy," Statue Cruises Vice President and Chief Operating Officer MIKE BURKE said. "We are thrilled to partner with the borough of Queens to engage with our local youth as they share their powerful voices through poetry on what these two milestones mean to them."

The Only in Queens Poetry Contest begins this week when the contest is distributed to Queens public school students in fourth, seventh and eleventh grades as a homework assignment. The homework assignment will be due on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Principals in Queens will acknowledge the winners of their school and send the top winner to the semi-final round. Semi-finalists will be selected by a panel of educators from Queens North, Queens South and Affinity Support Centers in Queens. A panel convened by the Queens Poet Laureate will select contest finalists, who will be announced at the end of May and invited to a culminating awards ceremony at Queens Borough Hall.

For more information about the poetry contest, go to www.queensbp.org/poetry or contact Jennifer Walden, Borough President Katz's Director for Cultural Affairs and Tourism, at jwalden@queensbp.org or 718.286.2677.

3 Ways Seniors Can Get More from their Smartphones

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your eyes a rest, consider listening to books on your smartphone. You can purchase audiobooks a la carte or opt for a subscription plan, which offers deals, such as unlimited selections for a flat monthly fee.

Features like bookmarks and back buttons make it easy to "flip through" a digital audiobook.

2. Use health apps to manage conditions.

Well-designed health apps can help patients manage their conditions. For example, ArthritisPower, a free app for patients with arthritis, allows users to track symptoms and treatment outcomes, and share the information with their doctors.

Created by CreakyJoints, a go-to resource for arthritis patients and their families, in collaboration with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the app is also a data-gathering tool for researchers. Via informed consent, user data is helping researchers better understand how different treatments work for different people.

"One out of every five U.S. adults of all ages lives with doctor-diagnosed arthritis and it's important that patients actively engage in managing their own treatment plan," says Seth Ginsberg, President and Co-Founder of CreakyJoints and Principal Investigator of ArthritisPower.

To download the free app or learn more, visit arthritispower.org.

3. Video chat with loved ones.

Talk and see grandkids and other far-flung friends and loved ones between visits with video chatting. It's the perfect way to ensure you don't miss important milestones.

Many such video communications services are free, even internationally, and can present affordable alternatives to placing long-distance calls on a landline.

Your smartphone is the world at your fingertips. Make great use of it. (State-Point)

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on April 13, 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001244-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JARED (Last) MATTHEW. My present name is (First) JARED (Middle) MATTHEW (Last) THISTLE A/K/A JARED THISTLE, AKA JARED M. THISTLE. My present address is 5236 83rd Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373-4722. My place of birth is FRAMINGHAM, MA. My date of birth is August 23, 1978. 04/06/2017

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on February 14, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-001070-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) ADRIANA (Last) MEJIA-DERAS. My present name is (First) ADRIANA (Last) QUINTERO-MEJIA AKA ADRIANA QUINTERO MEJIA. My present address is 107-50 108th Street, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419-2406. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is December 23, 1988. 04/06/2017

Notice of Formation of TELTEK ADVISORS, LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 02/06/2017. 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: 24-16 38th Avenue, Suite 5E, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/6,13,20,27,5/4&11/2017

Dromm Held Pedestrian Safety Town Hall

Council Member Daniel Dromm held his Pedestrian Safety Town Hall yielded results when the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) implemented a new traffic safety measure called Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) along 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights. LPI gives walkers a head start before cars get the light to make turns. Pedestrians will now have an additional seven seconds to cross the street without any vehicular movement. I wrote the NYC DOT to demand the implementation of this measure following my town hall. I am proud of this accomplishment and will continue to deliver results for our community.

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2016-1544 SURROGATE'S COURT -QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: JOSEPH FERRUGIA: and (KAREN FERRUGIA (the daughter of ANGELO FERRUGIA, a post-deceased son/distributee of MARTHA FERRUGIA), if living and if dead, to her heirs at law. next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the Decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of MARTHA FERRUGIA. the Decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

A petition having been duly filed by JOSEPH COTTONE, who is domiciled at 84-14 250th Street, Bellerose, New York 11426

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Room 62, New York, on May 25th 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARTHA FERRUGIA lately domiciled at 84-250th Street, Bellerose, New York 11426 admitting to probate a Will dated June 4.1992. a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARTHA FERRUGIA, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[] Letters Testamentary issue to: _____

[] Letters of Trusteeship issue to: _____

[X] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to JOSEPH COTTONE

(State any further relief requested) That the filing of a bond be dispensed with.

Dated, Attested and Seated MARCH 27th, 2017

HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate

Lee J. Coulman Acting Chief Clerk

MADELYNN R. MASON Attorney for Petitioner

(516) 742-0009 Telephone Number

377 Oak Street, Suite 210, Garden City, New York 11530

Address of Attorney

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required 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 appear for you]

3/30,4/6,13&20/2017

New Democratic Club Launches in Flushing

On Thursday, April 6th, Democratic District Leader Peter Tu (Assembly District 25, Part B) will be joined by elected officials and community leaders to celebrate the official launch of the Kissena Democratic Club.

Founded by District Leader Tu and based in Flushing, Queens, the Kissena Democratic Club aims to engage local community members in political and civic processes by organizing town hall meetings and

increasing voter turnout. As part of the launch, the club's leadership and board members will discuss membership eligibility and the first town hall meeting. For further info call Marilla Li, 718-619-5555



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Notice of Formation of Alpha AJ LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on January 12, 2017. Office location: Queens County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 98-17 Horace Harding Expressway, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

Notice of Formation of S&D CLEANING ENTERPRISE LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 11/29/2016. 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 147-31 230th Place, #1, Queens NY 11413. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

176 United Partners LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 1/25/17. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 146-02 Hillside Ave, Jamaica, NY 11435. General Purposes. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

Ground Signals LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/17. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 34-61 Leavitt St., 2nd Fl., Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

Notice of Formation of SRC Genesis LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/27/17. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 19605 Como Ave., Hollis, NY 11423. 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. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2017

Notice of Formation of UNITED COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 02/21/2017. 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 23-55 Bell Boulevard, #6K, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2017

Notice of Formation of THE OLIVSMITH LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 02/21/2017. 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 61-23 69 Lane, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2017

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Notice of Formation of 8543 Eliot LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Franklin Baharestani, 73-26 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

Notice of Formation of 1182 Woodycrest LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/17. 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 Bluestone Organization, 90-11 160th St., Ste. 100, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

101 RENTALS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/3/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 108-18 Queens Blvd Ste 906 Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

Notice of Formation of 60-06 39TH AVE LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 01/03/2017. 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 Wang & Co. Accounting LLC, PO Box 103, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

Notice of Qualification of INFOSTORE RECORDS MANAGEMENT, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/17. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/08/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1200 U.S. Hwy. 22 East, Ste. 2000, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. DE addr. of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., Corp. Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

ZEAS HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/17/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 69-73 185th St Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/30,4/6,13,20,27&5/4/2017

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Notice of Formation of Apple3Condominium LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 1/5/17. 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 3609 31st St., Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

Notice of Formation of WILLIAMSBURG BREAD LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 05/10/2011. 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 31-22 71st, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

E Home Shun LLC. Filed 2/3/17. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Corporate Filings Of New York, 90 State St Ste 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2017

Notice of formation of ZERO POINT CREATIONS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/05/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act. 3/30,4/6,13,20,27&5/4/2017

PROBATE CITATION
File No. 2016-3769
SURROGATE'S COURT -
QUEENS COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and
Independent

T O P U B L I C
ADMINISTRATOR-QUEENS
COUNTY
CYLA BREIT
MAURICE BREIT
To Chiel Mechel Irom, if living
and if dead, to his heirs at law,
next of kin and distributees
whose names and places
of residence are unknown
and if he died subsequent
to the decedent herein, to his
executors, administrators,
legatees, devisees, assignees,
and successors in interest
whose names and places
of residence are unknown
and to all other heirs at law,
next of kin, and distributees
of Michael Mankowski, the
decedent herein, whose
names and places of
residence are unknown and
cannot after diligent inquiry
be ascertained.

A petition having been duly
filed by Ludwik Kowalczyk,
who is domiciled at 103
Fernwood Road, Summit, NJ
07901.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED
TO SHOW CAUSE before the
Surrogate's Court, Queens
County, at 88-11 Sutphin
Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on

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MAY 11th, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock
in the forenoon of that day,
why a decree should not be
made in the estate of Michael
Mankowski lately domiciled at
67-38 108th Street, Apt D55,
Forest Hills, New York 11375
admitting to probate a Will
dated December 4, 2003,
(a Codicil dated N/A) _____
(a Codicil dated N/A) _____

A copy of which is attached as
the Will of Michael Mankowski
deceased, relating to real
and personal property, and
directing that
[X] Letters Testamentary
issue to: Ludwik Kowalczyk
[] Letters of Trusteeship issue
to: _____
[] Letters of Administration
c.t.a. issue to: _____
(State any further relief
requested)

Dated, Attested and Sealed
MARCH 17th 2017
HON. Peter J. Kelly
Surrogate
Lee J. Coulman
Acting Chief Clerk
Brian Tracz, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
718-268-8700
Telephone Number

105-20 Metropolitan Avenue,
Forest Hills, New York 11375.
Address of Attorney
[NOTE: This citation is served
upon you as required 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
appear for you.]
3/23,30,4/6&13/2017

Notice of formation of E & F
QUEENS REALTY, LLC. Arts
of Org filed with Secy of State
of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/17.
Office location: Queens
County. SSNY designated
as agent upon whom process
may be served and shall mail
copy of process against LLC
to: 15-04 College Point Blvd.,
College Point, NY 11356.
Purpose: any lawful act.
3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2017

Notice of Formation of FLEX
HAUS, LLC, Art. of Org. filed
with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on
02/02/2017. 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: United
States Corporation Agents,
Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite
202, Brooklyn, NY 11228
Purpose: any lawful activities.
3/30,4/6,13,20,27&5/4/2017

Notice of formation of PST
ASSET MANAGEMENT
LLC. Articles of Organization
filed with the Secretary of
State of New York (SSNY) on
03/03/2017. Office location:
QUEENS County. SSNY has
been designated for service
of process. SSNY shall mail
copy of any process served
against the LLC to PST
ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC
39-07 Prince Street, Suite
3B, Flushing, NY 11354
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
4/6,13,20,27,5/4&11/2017

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NYA Realty LLC, Arts of Org.
filed with Sec. of State of
NY (SSNY) on 2/22/17. Cty:
Queens. SSNY desig. as
agent upon whom process
against may be served &
shall mail process to 102-
21 63rd Dr., Forest Hills, NY
11375. General Purpose.
3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

Notice of Qualification of Griffin
Private Capital Group, LLC
Authority filed with Secy. of State
of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2017.
Office location: Queens. LLC
formed in Virginia (VA) on
11/01/2013. Princ. Office of
LLC: 1135 Heatherstone Dr,
Fredericksburg, VA 22407.
SSNY designated as agent
of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served.
SSNY shall mail process
to: 1135 Heatherstone Dr,
Fredericksburg, VA 22407.
Name and addr. of LLC
registered agent is available
from SSNY. Arts. of Org. filed
with VA Clerk of Commission
of State: 11/01/2013.
Purpose: Any lawful activity.
3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

File No.: 2015-2783/B
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,
FREE AND INDEPENDENT
TO:
Attorney General of the State
of New York

The unknown distributees,
legatees, devisees, heirs at
law and assignees of Ederle
McLean, deceased, or their
estates, if any there be, whose
names, places of residence
and post office addresses are
unknown to the petitioner and
cannot with due diligence be
ascertained.

Being the persons interested
as creditors, legatees,
distributees or otherwise in
the Estate of Ederle McLean,
deceased, who at the time of
death was a resident of 142-
27 Franklin Avenue, Flushing,
NY 11355, in the County of
Queens, State of New York.
SEND GREETING:

Upon the petition of LOIS
M. ROSENBLATT, Public
Administrator of Queens
County, who maintains
her office at 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens
County, New York 11435, as
Administrator of the Estate of
Ederle McLean, deceased,
you and each of you are
hereby cited to show cause
before the Surrogate at the
Surrogate's Court of the County
of Queens, to be held at the
Queens General Courthouse,
6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, City and
State of New York, 11435 on the
11th day of May, 2017 at 9:30
o'clock in the forenoon, why the
Account of Proceedings of the
Public Administrator of Queens
County, as Administrator of
the Estate of said deceased,
a copy of which is attached,
should not be judicially settled,
and why the Surrogate should
not fix and allow a reasonable
amount of compensation to
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.,

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for legal services rendered to
petitioner herein in the amount
of \$11,737.34 and that the Court
fix the fair and reasonable
additional fee for any services
to be rendered by GERARD J.
SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in
connection with proceedings
on kinship, claims etc., prior
to entry of a final Decree on
this accounting in the amount
of 6% of assets or income
collected after the date of the
within accounting; and why the
Surrogate should not fix and
allow an amount equal to one
percent on said Schedules of
the total assets on Schedules A,
A1, and A2 plus any additional
monies received subsequent
to the date of this account,
as the fair and reasonable
amount payable to the Office
of the Public Administrator for
the expenses of said office
pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3);
and why each of you claiming to
be a distributee of the decedent
should not establish proof
of your kinship; and why the
balance of said funds should
not be paid to said alleged
distributees upon proof of
kinship, or deposited with the
Commissioner of Finance of
the City of New York should
said alleged distributees default
herein, or fail to establish proof
of kinship,

Dated, Attested and Sealed
17th day of March, 2017
HON. PETER J. KELLY
Surrogate, Queens County
Lee J. Coulman, Acting Chief
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.
(718) 459-9000
1981 Marcus Avenue,
Suite 200

Lake Success, New York 11042
This citation is served upon you
as required by law. You are not
obliged to appear in person.
If you fail to appear it will be
assumed that you do not object
to the relief requested unless
you file formal legal, verified
objections. You have a right to
have an attorney-at-law appear
for you.

Accounting Citation
3/30,4/6,13&20/2017

Notice of Formation of LHV
LLC, Art. of Org. filed with
Sec'y of State (SSNY) on
02/07/2017. 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: 26-23
29th Street, Astoria, NY 11102.
Purpose: any lawful activities.
3/30,4/6,13,20,27&5/4/2017

Notice is hereby given that a
license, serial #1301288 for
beer, wine and liquor has been
applied for by the undersigned
to sell beer, wine and liquor
at retail in a restaurant under
the ABC Law at 227-02/08
Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights,
NY 11411 for on-premises
consumption; Brass Riz & Grill
Express Corp. 3/30&4/6/2017



Rockaway Ferry on Pace to Launch This June



The Rockaway ferry route will be the first of the citywide ferry service to launch when it kicks off this summer — and boats are on track to launch by the June deadline, officials said.

The Rockaway route will travel from the new dock on Beach 108th Street to the Brooklyn Army

Terminal and then Pier 11 at Wall Street.

Rockaway's first boat, which is completely different than the ones on the other routes because it has to traverse through rougher waters, should embark on its trip to New York in a few weeks, a spokesman said.

Queens County Bar Association Annual Tribute



The Queens County Bar Association (QCBA) Past Presidents pictured above for a reunion group photo (standing) Chanwoo Lee (2010-2011), Howard Stave (1982-1983), Joseph Carola Iii (2014-2015), David Adler (1998-1999), Steven Orlow (2008-2009), Seymour James Jr. (2001-2002), and Paul Kerson (2015-2016). (Seated) Joseph Defelice (2013-2014), Herbert Rubin (1971-1972), Sidney Strauss (1990-1991), Joseph Risi (2012-2013), Gary Darche (1989-1990), Michael Dikman (1978-1979), and David Cohen (2007-2008).

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 We Love Whitestone Civic Association in partnership with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church are proud to co sponsor Congressman Tom Suozzi's Town Hall Meeting for his constituents in NY Queens District 3.

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS SUOZZI
 Serving New York's 3rd Congressional District

Tuesday April 18th, 2017
7:00 PM SHARP
 Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
 11-05 150th Street

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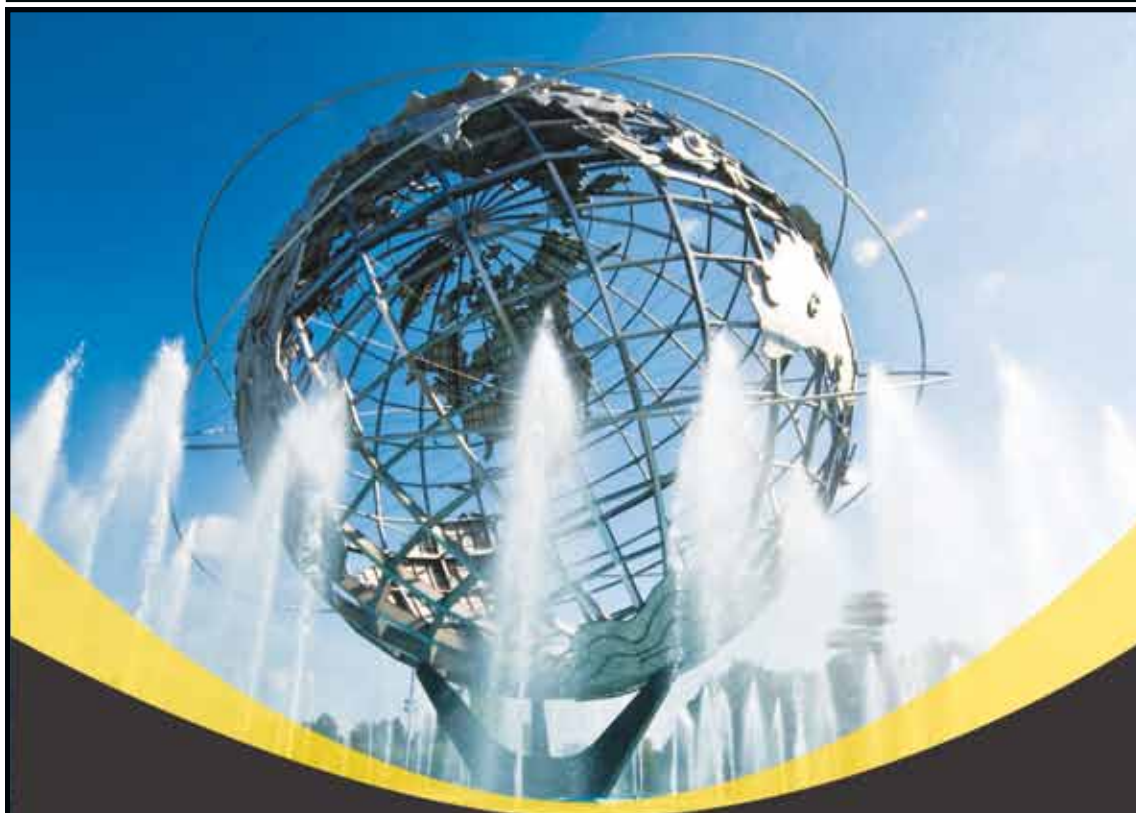
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