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Point of View

Study Finds Higher Number of Pedestrians Hurt by Bikes

By Christine Haughney

The Queens Times wanted to have its readers look at a study that was made 5 years ago about the injuries to pedestrians that were struck by bicycles. We believe that a new report on how many pedestrians are injured by bicycles is warranted.

More than 500 New York City residents are injured badly enough to be treated in hospitals after being struck by bicyclists each year, according to an analysis by Hunter College professors. The number, while small compared with the number of pedestrians injured by cars, is a much higher figure than an earlier study by the same researchers found.

The professors surveyed hospital data gathered by the State Department of Health between 2007 and 2010 and found that roughly 1,000 pedestrians in New York State were seen at hospitals each year after being hit by cyclists, and that 55 percent of the accident victims were in New York City.

A 2009 analysis of different data by the professors, Peter Tuckel and William Milczarski, found that only a few more than 1,000 pedestrians were treated annually in hospitals in the whole country for injuries in collisions with cyclists.

Dr. Tuckel, a sociology professor, said these figures represent

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Meng Announces Queens Students Accepted to the U.S. Service Academies



Pictured above are Congresswoman Meng congratulating Queens students attending the nation's U.S. Service Academies. L to R: Julia Hsu, Selah Cho, Zachary Kurre, Meng, Kate Gerodias, John Makiling, Daniel Zakrevski and Kevin Guo. See story on page 2.

Woodhaven Richmond Hill Senior Center Director, Pat Critelli Retires



NYS Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) and NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) attended the Woodhaven Richmond Hill Senior Center located at 89-02 91st Street in Woodhaven, NY to celebrate the retirement of Long-time Director, Pat Critelli. Assemblyman Miller presented Pat with a New York State Assembly citation in recognition of her dedication to our community's seniors as Senator Addabbo looks on. Pictured above is Assemblyman Mike Miller, Pat Critelli, and State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo.

Queens Historical Society Opens New Year Long Exhibit at Kingsland Homestead in Flushing



Richard Hourahan, curator, stands with Theresa J. Osborne, member of the Historic House Trust of New York City Advisory Board and Patricia B. Sherwood, president of the Queens Historical Society at the entrance to the Kingsland Homestead in Flushing. The occasion was the Grand Opening of a new exhibit "Leading the Way: Six Outstanding Women of Queens" which will run for the coming year and include films and lectures. Ms. Osborne, who acts as liaison with the landmark structure, was one of the first to pass through its 230 year old doorway for the special event. See story on page 2.



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“the tip of the proverbial iceberg” because they only include pedestrians who wound up in the hospital. They do not include victims who visited their doctor’s office or a walk-in clinic for treatment.

Dr. Tuckel said that the new study (see also below) was prompted by questions from Nancy Gruskin, the founder of an organization that encourages safe cycling. Ms. Gruskin founded the Stuart Gruskin Family Foundation after her husband was fatally injured by a delivery man on a bike on 42nd Street in 2009. The latest study was done independently by Hunter, however, and the Gruskin foundation did not pay for the research, Dr. Tuckel said.

Statistics on bicycling accidents have not been kept by the city in the past, but a new law mandating reporting and tabulating bicycle accidents will go into effect Oct. 1.

The state hospital data analyzed in the new report lists the borough or county of residence of the accident victims, not of the location of the accident itself.

But Dr. Tuckel noted that within the city, the ranking of accidents by residence of victim — Brooklyn, followed by Manhattan,

Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island — paralleled the overall rankings for locations of pedestrian deaths in all accidents in New York City. This, he said — in addition to common sense — implied a strong correlation between the residence of the victim and the borough or county in which the accident occurred.

About 33 percent of the accident victims who live in New York City lived in Brooklyn, and an additional 28 percent lived in Manhattan. The ZIP code with the most residents hit by cyclists was 10029, East Harlem.

Seth Solomonow, a spokesman for the city’s Department of Transportation, said in a statement: “There are nearly 10,000 people who visit the hospital citywide each year after being struck by cars, so this is actually a pretty low number — one that’s been kept low because of our safety investments. We still have to drive it down further and will continue to work with N.Y.P.D. to enforce the law for everyone on the road and install bike lanes to separate vehicles from cyclists and cyclists from pedestrians. These make streets safer for everyone who

uses them and have helped make the last four years the safest in the city in a century.”

The release of the report follows last week’s selection of an operator for the city’s bike share program next year. Michael Murphy, a spokesman for the bike advocacy group Transportation Alternatives, encouraged New Yorkers to note that these accidents declined slightly over the past four years statewide. The Hunter analysis found 927 bicycle accidents followed by hospital treatment for pedestrians statewide in 2010, down 15 percent from 1,097 in 2007.

Mr. Murphy also encouraged cycling’s fans and critics to keep these numbers in perspective.

“Motor vehicles are responsible for over 70,000 injuries every year in New York City, and hundreds of annual deaths,” Mr. Murphy said. “We can ignore that number and bash bikes, or we can get serious about safety and work to stop all traffic casualties.”

Ms. Gruskin said that she supported the new bike share program. But she added, “It must be safe cycling. There doesn’t seem to be people asking safety questions.”

Queens Historical Society Opens New Year Long Exhibit at Kingsland Homestead in Flushing

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On Saturday June 27, 2015 the Queens Historical Society held a Grand Opening for “Leading the Way: Six Outstanding Women of Queens”, an exhibit that will be on display for the coming year at the

landmark Kingsland Homestead in Flushing, Queens.

The six women include: Betty Friedan, Yeou-Cheng Ma, Helen Keller, Rise Stevens, Lisa Randall and Grace Lee Boggs. The event included a talk by the exhibit’s curator Richard Hourahan who discussed

the criteria for the selection of the six women and answered questions from the audience. A reception followed.

The year’s activities will feature women leaders, authors, artists and presenters speaking about various Queens neighborhoods associated with the honorees.

Meng Announces Queens Students Accepted to the U.S. Service Academies

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U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that seven local students from Queens have been accepted to the United States Service Academies after the Congresswoman nominated them to attend the prestigious institutions.

The academies consist of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York; U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York; and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut.

The elite institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the U.S. uniformed services. After four years of study, service academy graduates become commissioned as officers in the active or reserve components of the U.S.

military or merchant marine for a minimum of five years.

Students seeking to attend the nation’s service academies are required to be nominated by their Member of Congress. The institutions evaluate all the nominations received by Members of Congress from across the nation, and then decide which nominees to accept.

Students nominated by Meng compete against students from throughout the country and must meet the highly competitive educational, physical and extracurricular standards set by the individual institutions. Meng is assisted in the nomination process by her Academy Review Board, a panel of local community leaders.

This is the second round of students that the sophomore Congresswoman has nominated to the academies. Her first was last year when she was a freshman Member of Congress. The seven students

selected this year were chosen from the twenty that Meng nominated. A total of 33 students applied.

“I am honored to congratulate these seven exceptional students,” said Meng. “All are outstanding individuals who will be future military leaders of our country. I have no doubt that they’ll make Queens and the nation proud.”

To congratulate the students, Meng hosted a reception for them and their families at her new Northeast Queens office in Flushing. She also presented each student with a certificate of Congressional recognition.

This fall, Meng plans to once again sponsor “U.S. Service Academy Information Night” for Queens students who are interested in applying to the U.S. Service Academies. The day and location will be announced in the coming months. Last year, Meng hosted the event in October at Forest Hills High School.

| Student | Service Academy | Residence | Current School |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Selah Cho | West Point | Fresh Meadows | Marion Military Institute in Alabama |
| Kate Gerodias | Naval Academy | Middle Village | Forest Hills High School |
| Kevin Guo | Naval Academy | Rego Park | Hunter College High School |
| Julia Hsu | West Point | Flushing | West Point Prep School |
| Zachary Kurre | West Point | Glendale | Archbishop Molloy High School |
| John Makiling | Naval Academy | Flushing | Naval Academy Prep School |
| Daniel Zakrevski | Merchant Marine Academy | Richmond Hill | Bronx High School of Science |

All will begin attending the academies this summer.

Meng Introduces Legislation to Stop Stores From Selling Expired Baby Formula



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng, a Founder and Co-Chair of the Kids Safety Caucus, introduced legislation to protect babies which if passed, would be the first federal law to ban the sale of expired baby formula.

The Infant Formula Protection Act would require pharmacies, supermarkets, convenience stores and other establishments to stop

selling outdated formula, a surprisingly legal and widespread practice that puts infants at risk.

Although regulations require expiration dates to be placed on baby formula, there are no federal regulations that prohibit the sale of the product after it has expired. As a result, many stores – as uncovered by investigations – continue to keep the expired items on their shelves despite the fact that they are outdated.

“It’s hard to believe that stores are permitted to sell expired formula to unsuspecting parents,” said Meng. “It’s a classic case of retailers putting profits over the safety of babies. There must be a federal law to end this unconscionable practice, and my legislation is the best and easiest approach to accomplishing that critical goal. Parents and their infants deserve

better.”

Meng’s bill would make it illegal for retail establishments to sell baby formula after the product’s “use by” date has passed. Stores that fail to comply could be fined up to \$200,000. The Congresswoman’s measure has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee where it is awaiting further action.

Expired baby formula puts infants at risk because the product loses its nutrient quality over time. So formula consumed after the expiration date may not provide babies with adequate nutrition for health and proper development.

The Kids Safety Caucus, launched shortly after Meng was elected to Congress in 2013, is the first bipartisan coalition in the House that promotes child-safety issues.

Residents of Glendale, Middle Village and Ridgewood Given More Time to Comment on Plans to Increase Waste That Rail Cars Transport Through Their Communities

Area elected officials secure extension of public comment period; move ensures that residents will have time to make their voices heard

Queens elected officials representing Glendale, Middle Village and Ridgewood secured more time for residents to sound off about plans to increase the amount of waste that rail cars transport through their communities.

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng and Nydia Velázquez, State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Assemblymen Andrew Hevesi and Michael Miller, Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley and Borough President Melinda Katz convinced the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to extend the public comment period for permits to expand the amount and type of debris that One World Recycling, Inc. and Costal Distribution LLC are seeking to ship via the Fresh Pond Rail Yard.

DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens agreed to grant a 30-day extension after the public officials sent him a letter urging him to do so. The agency had originally provided just 19 days for comments.

The expanded timeframe will ensure that those who reside in the area will have adequate time to make their voices heard.

“We write today to express our concerns regarding the lack of sufficient opportunities for community input on the topic of waste and rail projects that directly affect our constituents in Glendale, Ridgewood, and Middle Village,” the lawmakers said in their correspondence to the Commissioner. “We are concerned about the impact that increased operations will have on the quality of life for our constituents in these communities specifically in regards to odor from open containers that sit idle, the attraction of pests, and pollution stemming from the construction and demolition debris and other waste that are not adequately sealed. It is imperative that the public’s concerns be taken into account to the fullest extent possible before any permits are issued or projects approved. We will not support these plans until our comments and the community’s concerns are given consideration.”

The public can now submit comments through August 9.

The previous deadline was July 10. The comment period began on June 22.

For the One World Recycling permit, the public can submit written comments by email to OneWorldRecycling@dec.ny.gov or by regular mail to: Mark Carrara, NYSDEC, SUNY at Stony Brook, 50 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/102124.html>

For the Costal Distribution permit, the public can submit written comments by email to NYAR. Coastal@dec.ny.gov or by regular mail to: NYSDEC, Susan Ackerman, SUNY at Stony Brook, 50 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/102126.html>

The DEC will use the public comments as a factor in deciding whether or not to issue the permits.

The New York and Atlantic Railway transports debris on freight rail cars through the Fresh Pond Rail Yard, the tracks for which run along residential communities in Glendale, Middle Village and Ridgewood.

Stavisky Applauds DOT Plan for Restricting Select Bus Service in Flushing

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) applauded the newly unveiled plan for Select Bus Service (SBS) implementation in downtown Flushing. The proposal, which was presented to Community Board 7 this evening, includes important revisions to a prior proposal, especially regarding bus traffic on Main Street between Northern Boulevard and Kissena Boulevard, one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city.

Instead of installing bus-only lanes along the entire length of Main Street, the current proposal would install SBS bus lanes on Main Street in both directions from Kissena Blvd to the LIE and a bus lane only on the Northbound

side of Main Street from Reeves Avenue to the LIE. Additionally, bus lanes will mostly be in the offset configuration, one lane out from the curb, which preserves parking and loading at the curb.

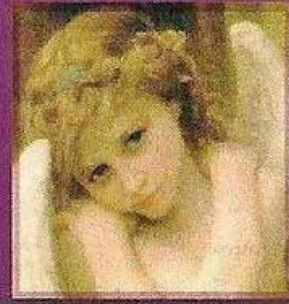
“I want to commend DOT for taking into consideration the concerns of local residents and business owners as they continue to improve traffic flow and safety in downtown Flushing,” said Senator Stavisky. “Addressing the needs of commuters, drivers and pedestrians in an area so heavily congested is extremely difficult, but I believe this plan is the best solution for the Flushing community.”

On April 17, Senator Stavisky,

Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) and Council Member Peter Koo (D-Flushing) penned a letter to MTA New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco and New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg raising concerns about the impact on traffic flow and parking that bus-only lanes would have on one of the busiest streets in Flushing.

“We believe avoiding bus lanes along this corridor would go a long way in garnering community support,” they wrote. “We all want to see a successful plan put forth that takes into account the needs of commuters, pedestrians, and drivers.”

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Whirl With Merle

WHAT'S HAPPENING by Merle Exit

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP COMMUNITY THEATRE Musicals, Musicals, tried and true Musicals. That's the scene around Community Theatre in Queens as we start this weekend with Guys and Dolls at the Rockaway Theatre Company. It appears that they did this production 14 years ago and now the same director, John Gilleece, brings it back to boast a double cast (Just couldn't turn down all that talent). You can see Guys and Dolls July 10, 11, 12 or the last weekend of July 16, 17, 18 and 19. RTC is located in the Post Building at Fort Tilden. For tickets and further information go to www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org

Oklahoma! is the first musical written by the team of composer Richard Rogers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II. Maggie's Little Theatre will be presenting this famed production for two weekends beginning on July 18th. This one is being performed in the Parish Hall of St. Margaret's Church in Middle Village, located at 66-05 79th Place (between Metropolitan Ave. and Juniper Valley Rd.). Performance dates are: Saturday, July 18th, 8p.m., Sunday, July 19th, 2:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th, 8p.m. and Sunday, July

26th at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and further information call 917-579-5389.

IN STEREO

Movie coming to your local theatre. IN STEREO centers on David (Micah Hauptman) and Brenda (Beau Garrett), who are perfect for each other and everyone knows it...except David and Brenda. After they break up, their lives spiral out of control. David self-destructs as an artist while dating an immature woman who sleeps with his best friend. Brenda endures a failing acting career, an eviction notice, and a boyfriend who just doesn't do it for her. Brenda's agent is portrayed by Mario Cantone.

And then chance brings Brenda and David back together on the streets of New York at the worst possible time.

I saw the screener. The best part about being able to view a movie either online or a disc is that you can go back to scenes or even the whole movie. You can't do that in a movie theatre. I really had to concentrate on the plot and characters but still had to go back. I don't think this one would be up for an award as I did not feel that anything or anyone really stood out enough to deserve one. Maybe others might appreciate this

more than I. I understand that it was written by someone who had gone through this experience. The movie is done well and does hold my attention but I wouldn't go out of my way to see it.

CHOMPING IN WOODHAVEN

I don't mind cooking. There are just times that I want to order lunch from the area. I never order Chinese food as it's not authentic. With Hispanic restaurants gone amok, I have found a few that I particularly like on the "cheap but good" factor. One is Caridad (Dominican) on the corner of Jamaica Avenue and 91st St. They make by far the best Cuban Sandwich going. Large enough to have half for two meals while adding my own salad. It's a panini with roasted pork, ham, swiss cheese and pickles and only one of their \$7 specials.

On the other side of Woodhaven Blvd we have a Colombian restaurant called Mi Ranchito on Jamaica Avenue and 96th St. They also have daily \$7 specials that include soup and entrée. On Sunday I send out for their oxtail. Oxtail soup and oxtail entrée... more oxtail, rice and salad. Hmm...it's lunchtime. The question is...if you order from Subway, can you get a side order of porn?

What to Do if Someone Files a False Tax Return in Your Name

By Jason Alderman

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing fraud issues at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Online thieves have been capturing Social Security numbers and other tax filing data to file fraudulent returns, principally for the purpose of stealing refunds.

Just this past tax season, TurboTax, the leading tax preparation software company, had to stop transmitting state tax returns and introduce new safeguards after a run of suspicious returns. In March, the U.S. Treasury Department reported slightly over 2.9 million incidents of tax-related identity theft in 2013, up from 1.8 million in 2012. As to dollar loss, in January, the General Accounting Office (GAO) said the IRS had prevented an estimated \$24.2 billion in fraudulent identity theft

tax refunds in 2013, but actually paid \$5.8 billion in refunds later determined to be fraudulent.

In terms of damage, tax identity theft is really no different than any other form of identity theft. Thieves illegally obtain your Social Security number through online or other resources and then go to work on your finances and reputation. The first you'll see of it will be on your credit report in the form of unfamiliar (and likely unpaid) accounts or unusual credit inquiries from employers or agencies you've never contacted. The problem may take months or years to straighten out.

Hearing about a false tax return might take time. Many taxpayers find out they've been hacked via a physical letter from the U.S. Postal Service – the IRS never sends (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Report-Phishing>) taxpayer-specific cor-

respondence via email – indicating that a duplicate return has been filed in the taxpayer's name. That means a significant amount of time might have passed between the hack and the taxpayer learning about the problem. Electronic filers might find out sooner because their return might bounce if a fraudulent one was successfully filed earlier.

Recent reports quote the IRS as saying it tries to settle such cases within 4-6 months, but news reports have indicated wait times might be longer. This is why anyone dealing with identity theft needs to move fast and be actively involved in containing the damage. Regulators can't do it for you and advertised services that say they can handle everything probably won't. You'll need

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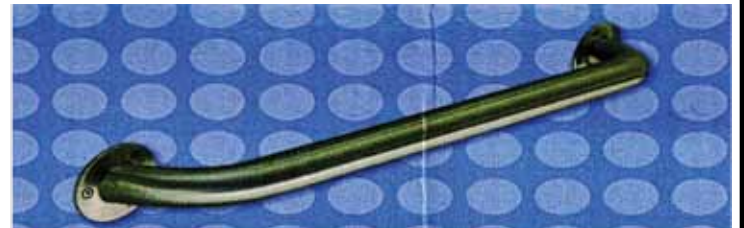
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 Relax and enjoy what you've done. Plan your day carefully. Focus on forming business relationships. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Go with the flow and don't be concerned about others. Opportunities for new friendships will develop if you get out to local dances. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Talk to others and express your intentions. Think twice before you criticize. Don't turn away any advice about work habits. Your lucky numbers are 2,3,9.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 Travel for business will be very beneficial. You'll have amazing ideas. Try not to allow others to burden you with additional responsibilities. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,2.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 You may meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Compromise if you wish to have any fun at all. Investment will start looking better. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 Do what you can to help others but don't neglect your own family. You need to keep everyone appraised about any hidden matters. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,5.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Don't over spend on entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Be cautious who you deal with financially. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 Don't let your emotions interfere with your business decisions. Don't be too quick to judge. Take time to do something nice for yourself. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Focus and concentrate on yourself and your future. Lack of cash might be partly to blame for the problems at home. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. Don't expect long romantic encounters. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,4.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Older family members may try to put unreasonable demands on you. Don't let other peoples problems saddle you with guilt. Your lucky numbers are 1,7,3.

What to Do if Someone Files a False Tax Return in Your Name

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to investigate and clean up your own records.

If you've been hit, first go to the identity theft action pages on both the Federal Trade Commission (<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0008-tax-related-identity-theft>) and the IRS (<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection>) websites for immediate ways to deal with the problem. Start with the following immediate steps:

- Order your current credit reports and set a fraud alert on each at the three major consumer credit rating agencies – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Follow up to make sure those alerts are active.
- Set up a physical or computer-based file where you can organize, date and file all contacts, communications and paperwork associated with your case and keep track of any fraudulent transactions that occur.
- Create an identity theft report (<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0277-create-identity-theft-report>) with the FTC and your local police department. This will help you document your contacts with regulators and law enforcement if there is an arrest.
- Make a call list for all creditors, banks, investment companies, utilities and your employer to let them know about the breach. If you work with qualified financial and tax experts, inform them too.

If you've never experienced this type of identity theft, don't take your luck for granted. Even if you file your taxes by regular mail, make sure you set up your own personal IRS e-services (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Step-1-Create-an-IRS-e-services-Account>) account, because reports have surfaced that identity thieves are opening false accounts with stolen taxpayer data. Finally, schedule receipt throughout the year of your three credit reports, which you can receive free once a year.

Bottom line: Anywhere your Social Security number goes, identity thieves follow – this tax filing season proved that. Safeguard your data and check your credit reports several times a year for irregularities.

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FIRST ANNUAL FORT TOTTEN FIREWORKS SHOW & CONCERT

On Wednesday July 1st, The Bay-side Historical Society and Council Member Vallone hosted the first Annual Fort Totten Fireworks Show & Concert. Following the event, Council Member Vallone stated:

"Thousands gathered together at Fort Totten to celebrate our independence and community. This Independence Day Celebration was my vision from day one and I am very proud to have this concert and fireworks event actually happen. Our community deserves a show like this, and we worked very hard to make this night a reality. This Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks Night will continue on as an annual tradition for our district. Now everyone all over the city will be able to see what we have accomplished.

The event would not be possible without the support and assistance of so many. Thank you to Matt Symons and the New York City



Department of Parks & Recreation, Deputy Inspector Thomas Conforti and the 109th Precinct, the New York Police Department, James Preston from the Mayor's Office, Scott Cooper and Grucci Fireworks, Linda De Sebato and Vallo Trans-

portation and all of our amazing volunteers. Special thank you to Alison McKay, Paul DiBenedetto and Bayside Historical Society for the instrumental role they played as this could not have been done without you."

PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION SHINES LIGHT FOR "NEVER QUIT" CAMPAIGN

As part of the Never Quit (NVRQT) Campaign to end children's cancer, the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) held a special baseball signing at Citi Field last Tuesday for pediatric cancer patients from the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Organized in conjunction with Chicago Cubs Pitcher Jon Lester, who is a cancer survivor and partner of the NVRQT Campaign, the event allowed the patients to meet the players up-close and enjoy a day of fun with friends and family. Each patient received an autographed all-white NVRQT baseball, which serves as a symbol of hope, purity and play for those affected by childhood cancer.

"About 46 young people, or five fields of little leaguers, are diagnosed with cancer each day," said Dr. Mitchell Cairo, Founder of PCRF. "Events like today's are so important to give our patients continued hope. I thank Jon Lester, and the Mets and Cubs organizations for showing our patients what it means to be brave and never quit. In the case of the patients attending the event, each one has been treated with protocols that have been developed through PCRF supported research



Chicago Cubs Pitcher Jon Lester signs NVRQT baseballs at Citi Field for pediatric cancer patients from Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Left to Right: Joseph Lao, Hanif Mouehla, Sean Cadden, Dr. Mitchell Cairo, Althea Salmon. Photo Credit: New York Medical College

at NYMC."

Whether it gets tossed around by a child undergoing cancer treatment, held tightly by a family member who stands by their side, or pitched in a charity game held by friends, the NVRQT baseball remind us that in the battle against childhood cancer, we can never give up. To this, PCRF adds something more. The white-on-white of the NVRQT ball represents the purity and innocence of the

thousands of childhoods affected by pediatric cancer and the community of support behind them. The clean, white-leather canvas provides a perfect opportunity to sign a name or write words of encouragement, while the white stitching signifies a nation of supporters intertwined and banded together in order to cheer the countless researchers, families and friends dedicated to finding a cure.

Cuomo Signs "Enough is Enough"

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed his "Enough is Enough" legislation to combat sexual assault on college and university campuses statewide while at New York University School of Law. The new law requires all colleges to adopt a set of comprehensive procedures and guidelines, including a uniform definition of affirmative consent, a statewide amnesty policy, and expanded access to law enforcement to ensure the safety of all students attending colleges in New York State.



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Senator Sanders Hosts “Community Development Day” Event

State Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village) hosted a free Community Development Day event on June 24 & June 25. The first day of classes was divided into two categories that ran simultaneously - small business and grant writing. The second day was devoted entirely to grant writing, but was specifically geared towards clergy and the faith-based community.

The mission of Community Development Day was to take seemingly difficult topics and make them simpler to understand and easy to access. Usually grant writing courses are very expensive, but here, Senator Sanders made the resource available to the public for free, provided guests with an opportunity to network with other community members, enjoy a complimentary meal and meet foundation funders who could potentially help them grow their business.

“Economic development is one of the most important ways we can help a community thrive and grow,” Senator Sanders said. “The best way to start that process is through education, and it needs to begin from the ground up. That’s why events like Community Development Day are so important.”

Several guest speakers were on hand to share their expertise. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer stopped by during the clergy portion of Community Development Day held on June 24 at the Calvary Baptist Church Houses and discussed the vendor road map, a



guide to doing business with the city, which is available on his website. The map outlines the steps for enrolling as a City vendor, understanding the procurement process, and growing a business. Stringer’s Chief Diversity Officer, Carra Wallace, had been a participating lecturer during the small business portion a day earlier, where she discussed the available funding resources and city contacts available to assist Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs).

Susan Shiroma, the senior librarian at the Foundation Center’s national headquarters in New York City taught the clergy grant writing portion, offering a condensed version of a class that would normally cost about \$300. Established in 1956, Foundation Center is the leading source of information on philan-

thropy worldwide. Shiroma even provided attendees with a sample of a real proposal that received a grant award to assist them with their writing.

About 200 people attended the two-day event and Senator Sanders’ office received such positive feedback from attendees that we may host a similar event in the fall. We would like to thank all of our sponsors – Starbucks, Magic Soul Food and State Farm, as well as our community partners, for helping to make Community Development Day such a success.

This event focused on educating organizations on grant writing and featured workshops at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. It included an introduction to proposal writing, general community grant writing and clergy grant writing.

Assemblyman Goldfeder Honors FDNY at Resorts World Employee Appreciation Day



Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder joined hundreds of local families for an FDNY Chili cook-off at the Resorts World Employee Appreciation Day. The celebration included the presentation of a \$5,000 donation from Resorts World to Friends of Firefighters, a charity dedicated to addressing the physical, mental health, and wellness needs of New York’s firefighters and their families.

Government & Community Partners Applaud the Success of the First Ever Celebrate Southeast Queens Weekend

Council Member I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), along with nine other elected officials, the New York City Parks Department, the Southern Queens Park Association, local Community Boards, labor unions, the Black Spectrum Theatre, and The Door Restaurant presented their first ever Celebrate Southeast Queens Weekend this past weekend. Events took place this past Friday and Saturday at Roy Wilkins Parks and St. Albans Park, respectively.

The goal of the weekend’s events was to entertain as well as educate local residents. Friday



evening began with a VIP opening ceremony and jazz reception at the Black Spectrum Theatre in Roy Wilkins Park. Over 200 community members enjoyed a buffet

reception on the lawn accented by the musical accompaniment of the Danny Mixon Trio. Guests

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(July 9 to July 16)

George Clinton and Funkadelic highlight a series of free outdoor concerts this week. In addition to the live music, fun-seekers can choose a Colombia flower extravaganza, a noncompetitive bike race, a book festival, plenty of movies, and a night market. Here's the rundown.

July 9, The Cab Calloway Orchestra, 7:30 pm. The Central Astoria LDC's 2015 Waterfront Concert Series begins with a night of music from the Harlem Renaissance (1930s-1940s). Free. Astoria Park's Great Lawn, Shore Boulevard between the Hell Gate Bridge and the pool, www.central-astoria.org.

July 9, Preview Screening of Boulevard with director Dito Montiel in person, 7 pm. The movie Boulevard premiered to warm praise at the Tribeca Film Festival, but its release was delayed after main actor Robin Williams's death last summer. Now it premieres on July 10, but it screens at the Museum of the Moving Image the night before with Astoria-born director Montiel in attendance. \$15. MMI, 36-01 35th Ave., Kaufman Arts District, www.movingimage.us.

July 9, Flushing Historical Diversity Tour, 6:30 pm. Official Queens historian Jack Eichenbaum walks and talks about the area's past and present. \$12/\$6 for children. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., www.flushingtownhall.org.

July 10, My Darling Clementine, 7 pm. Screened as part of The Essential John Ford, a series on the consummate American filmmaker, My Darling Clementine depicts the real-life story of reluctant lawman Wyatt Earp and the legendary shootout at the OK Corral. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Kaufman Arts District, www.movingimage.us.

July 11, Festival de las Flores, 11 am to 6 pm. Floral displays and art demonstrations as part of a Colombian tradition. Son Chande, a Colombian coastal band, performs throughout the afternoon. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, www.queensbotanical.org.

July 11, King Kong, 1 pm. Watch this classic Japanese film among enthusiasts. It's the first of a King Kong series. Free. Greater Astoria Historical Society, Quinn Building, 35-20 Broadway, LIC, www.astorialic.org.

July 11, Children's Book Celebration, noon to 4 pm. Readings and art making presented by local award-winning children's book authors and illustrators in partnership with the Queens Library Summer Reading Program. Meet children's book authors and illustrators. Enjoy story time in English, Spanish, Korean, Bengali, and Mandarin. Free and the first 200 attendees get a free poster. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.queensmuseum.org.

July 11, How Green Was My Valley, 2 pm; My Darling Clementine, 5 pm. Screened as part of

The Essential John Ford, a series on the consummate American filmmaker, How Green Was My Valley is about a Welsh coal-mining family during the rise of the labor movement. My Darling Clementine depicts the real-life story of reluctant lawman Wyatt Earp and the legendary shootout at the OK Corral. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Kaufman Arts District, www.movingimage.us.

July 12, Tour de Queens, 8 am (check in). This year's route starts and ends in Astoria Park. It covers approximately 20 miles through Long Island City, Sunnyside, Rego Park, Forest Hills, and Corona with a rest stop at Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village, \$22.50, www.transalt.org.

July 12, Flower Festival Parade, 10 am. A procession featuring Colombian flower artists down 37th Avenue, from 69th Street to 86th Street. After the parade, the public is invited to the Queens Botanical Garden for song and culture with visiting musicians and artists, food and craft vendors, and a ticketed comedy show. For more information, contact festivaldelasflores@gmail.com.

July 12, Peruvian Culture Celebration, 1:30 pm. Celebrate the Andean nation with hands-on art-making workshops, theater, and interactive dance performances. Free. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.queensmuseum.org.

July 12, Live Polish Music, 2 pm. The Glukh Polka Band plays polkas, waltzes, and polonaises. Dance lesson at 1 pm. Free. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., www.flushingtownhall.org.

July 12, Bang on a Can, 3 pm. This music series presents Florent Ghys, a bassist who plays intimate pop-laced tunes from his new album *Télévision*, a foray into classical forms, musique concrète, samples, and sci-fi. Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC, www.noguchi.org.

July 12, Pilgrimage, 2:30 pm; She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, 4:30 pm; Wagon Master, 7 pm. Screened as part of The Essential John Ford, a series on the consummate American filmmaker, Pilgrimage is about a mother who sends her son to war to prevent his marriage to a woman she doesn't like. She Wore a Yellow Ribbon tells the tale of a grizzled old cavalry captain who has one last mission—to prevent a new Native American war—before his impending retirement. Wagon Master is a comedic western about a Mormon wagon expedition across Utah that joins up with a traveling medicine show and a group of outlaws. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Kaufman Arts District, www.movingimage.us.

July 14, SummerStage: Ch-Lites, 7 pm. The group originated from the 1970s Chicago R&B scene. In 2000, it was inducted into the Rhythm & Blues Hall of

Fame. Free. Queensbridge Park, Vernon Boulevard adjacent to the Queensboro Bridge, LIC, www.summerstage.com.

June 14, Con Brio Ensemble, 2 pm. This ensemble presents chamber music with works by Bach, Schubert, Schumann, and others. Light refreshments after concert. \$12/\$10 for students. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing, www.vomuseum.org.

July 15, SummerStage: George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, 7 pm. With wild costumes and classic funk grooves, this band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997. Free. Queensbridge Park, Vernon Boulevard adjacent to the Queensboro Bridge, LIC, www.summerstage.com.

July 15, Gainsbourg: A Heroic Life, dusk. The Film Forum, Rooftop Films, and Socrates Sculpture Park present the 17th annual, eight-week Outdoor Cinema Festival. The life and loves of French pop star Serge Gainsbourg are reimagined by comic book artist Joann Sfar in Gainsbourg, beginning with his childhood in Nazi-occupied Paris, through his wild and crazy years in the 1950s and 1960s, when he was a lover of some of the world's most glamorous women. Free. SSP, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., LIC, www.socratessculpturepark.org.

July 15, Yesterday and Today, 7 pm. This Beatles tribute band offers an outdoor concert. Free. Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.nycparks.com.

July 15, My Reptile Guys, 10:30 am. An original and educational show featuring some exotic animals. Free. Crocheron Park's Buz O'Rourke Playground, Bayside, www.nycparks.com.

July 16, Queens Night Market, 6 pm to 11 pm. A social event and night market with food, crafts, live performances, and a deejay. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., www.fnonight-market.weebly.com.

July 16, SummerStage: Lyricist Lounge, 7 pm. Large Professor, a hip hop producer from Flushing, and Marley Marl, a hip hop producer from Queensbridge, perform. Free. Queensbridge Park, vicinity of 41st Road, 40th Avenue, Vernon Boulevard, and the East River, LIC, www.summerstage.org.

July 16, Alí Bello & The Sweet Wire Band, 6:30 pm. Through the Third Thursdays in Bliss Plaza program, Alí Bello & The Sweet Wire Band present Latin jazz fusion invigorated by Afro-Caribbean musical styles. Free. Bliss Plaza, Queens Boulevard and 46th Street under the elevated 7 train station, Sunnyside, www.sunnysideshines.org.

July 17, SummerStage: Soul Inscribed and Jennifer Cendaña Armas, 7 pm. Soul Inscribed plays a mix of hip hop, dub, funk, and soul. Armas is an interdisciplinary artist dedicated to unifying

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Queens Sports

Mets Go On Wrong Side By Robert Elkin

Pitching a no-hitter marks the greatest achievement in any player's life. And catching such a contest marks the same for the receiver on the other end. The game came right here at Citi Field but on the visitor's side.

When San Francisco came to Citi Field to battle the Mets, the game marked an historic moment for Giant's right handed pitcher Chris Heston and for a rookie. Giants' catcher Buster Posey who is a veteran and who has been at this position before.

Prior to the game Posey knew that he was to be honored and it was to happen on the day after the excitement at the ball park. The setting just worked out like that.

Posey was named Official Ambassador of Topps' 2015 Series Two Major League Baseball (MLB) Set.

Posey will handle promotional

appearances for Topps' and assist in various social media outreach programs. This announcement coincides with the launch for Topps' Series Two Baseball, featuring a 350 card base set that combined with February's Topp Series One Baseball makes this year's card set the company's largest in 10 years.

"We welcome Buster as our official ambassador for 2015," said Clay Luraschi, Topps' Vice President of Product Development. "There are a few people, let alone athletes, who are better role models than he is and not just in the way he plays, but in his dedication to off field activities, such as family and community service."

"We are looking forward to working with him to help us to continue to grow and engage our brand."

Posey, himself is a former National League Rookie of Year recipient as well as a Most Valu-

able Player award winner.

On the night before the appearance in downtown Manhattan with Posey and those connected with Major League Baseball, the actual no-hitter marked one of the highlights in baseball for the season, but it didn't come by our Mets.

A crowd of 23, 155 turned out for what proved to be a no-hitter, noted as a milestone in the sport of baseball. And it marked an honor to catch that game for Posey.

On the loser's side, Chris Heston became the seventh pitcher to do so came in 1993 when Houston's Daryl Kole turned in the historic moment.

In more recent New York Mets' news, Jacoby de Grom has been chosen to pitch in his first all-star game. Through 14 contests, he sports an 8-6 won-loss record and a 2.30 earned run average.

Donors to Receive Free Mets Tickets at Assemblyman Braunstein's Annual Summer Blood Drive

Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside) is once again sponsoring a Bayside Community Blood Drive in conjunction with the New York Blood Center. The drive will take place on Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 2:30pm-8:30pm at the Bay Terrace Shopping Center at 212th Street and 26th Avenue.

Each donor will receive by mail a pair of tickets to a 2015 Mets game courtesy of the New York Blood Center. Additionally, the first 60 donors will receive a voucher for

a free pint of soup from Ben's Kosher Deli as part of its Pint for a Pint program. All donors will also receive free pastries courtesy of Panera Bread and free beverages provided by Waldbaums.

"Each donation helps to save up to 3 lives," said Assemblyman Braunstein. "Our hospitals are in need of your assistance, so I hope you will take the time to share this lifesaving gift."

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with photo or signature

- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds need parental permission & age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink plenty of fluids before donating
- No new tattoos in the last 12 months
- For medical questions concerning blood donations call 1-800-688-0900.

Walk-ins are welcome! For more information on this event, please call Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 718-357-3588.

"Parkland Protection Act" to Prevent Any Loss of Parkland in Queens

STATEMENT BY ALI NAJMI: "I applaud the appellate court's unanimous decision declaring that putting a shopping mall next to CitiField is illegal because that land is part of Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. The court made clear that any project that jeopardizes parkland must obtain park alienation approval from the State Legislature.

Our parkland in Queens

is not for sale. We don't need another mall. And we most certainly shouldn't be subsidizing billionaire corporations to build mega projects that only benefit their wallets. Such projects tend to generate only low-to-minimum wage jobs that trap families in poverty. We deserve elected officials who understand that families in Queens depend on open space and parkland. We must do every-

thing in our power to protect and preserve the jewels of our communities like Cunningham Park and Alley Pond Park.

As your next City Council Member, I will introduce legislation called the "Parkland Protection Act" which will amend the City Charter and prohibit the sale of, or construction on, any inch of parkland without a super-majority approval of the City Council."

Hundreds of Job-Seekers to Participate in Job Fair Sponsored by Senator Jose Peralta, Woodside On The Move And Queens Center

A total of 39 employers will be interviewing job seekers and accepting résumés at the annual job fair sponsored by Senator Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst), Woodside on the Move, and Queens Center. Some of the companies that will be joining the event include Coca-Cola Refreshments, Starbucks, USTA Tennis Center, the Police and Fire

Departments (NYPD and FDNY), Santander Bank and United States Post Office. Also, several service providers, such as New York Cares, Elmcor Career Pathways and The Fortune Society, will be in attendance to provide career counseling and résumé writing.

Who: Senator Jose Peralta, Woodside on the Move and Queens

Center. What: Senator Peralta sponsors job fair seeking to help unemployed New Yorkers.

Where: Queens Center Food Court, lower level J.C. Penney Wing, 90-15 Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst.

When: Thursday, July 9th, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate With the U.S. Women's Soccer team

This Friday at 11 a.m., Mayor de Blasio and the City of New York will host a ticker tape parade in honor of the U.S. Women's Soccer team and their World Cup championship win.

Everyone is welcome to join in the celebrations along the Canyon of Heroes, but we're also giving away tickets to a special ceremony at City Hall immediately after the parade.

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communities and telling stories of diasporas. She is a first generation Filipino-American. Free. Queensbridge Park, vicinity of 41st Road, 40th Avenue, Vernon Boulevard and the East River, LIC, www.summerstage.org.

July 17, The Searchers, 7 pm. Screened as part of The Essential John Ford, a series on the consummate American filmmaker, The

Searchers tells the story of an outsider's quest to find his abducted niece and the Comanche chief who kidnapped her. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Kaufman Arts District, www.movingimage.us.

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Assemblyman Miller Helps Pass Bill to Refund Fees For Veteran's Notations on Driver's Licenses

Assemblymember Miller (D-Woodhaven) announced that he helped pass legislation that would provide a refund to veterans who paid a fee to obtain a veteran's notation on a driver's license or non-driver identification (ID) card (A.6557).

"Simple actions can have a big impact when it comes to showing our veterans that we appreciate their service and sacrifices," said Assemblymember Miller. "Our men and women in uniform do so much for our country, state and community. It's important to show our gratitude by making everyday things a little easier and more affordable."



Goldfeder Gives Community Update at St. Helen Support Group



Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder was recently invited to speak at the weekly meeting of the Physically Challenged Support Group held at St. Helen Roman Catholic Church. Goldfeder took the opportunity to answer questions on a wide range of issues affecting the community, from Sandy recovery to traffic safety and the city's proposed Select Bus Service plan for Cross Bay Boulevard.

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were then treated to performances inside of the theatre from acts including violinist Damien Escobar, as well as an excerpt of the musical, *Made in Southeast Queens*. The Door Restaurant generously provided the food for the reception.

Saturday morning featured a health fair at St. Albans Park where representatives from 30 government, non-profit, and private organizations provided free health screenings, educational presentations and information on critical programs and services. Participants included New York City Emergency Management, the New York City Department of Health, the NYU Dental Van, Affinity Health Plan, the Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Clergy United for Community Empowerment and the Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network.

The Talent Showcase kicked off at 3 PM, featuring nine dynamic acts. The afternoon's entertainment included Braata Productions, the Jamaica YMCA Seido Karate group, recording artist Petula Beckles, Daryl Hamer, the Devore Dance School, and the Angels Caribbean Band, K3, United Fellowship of Souls, and spoken word artist Jamal Machiote. While the rain ultimately led the event organizers to cut the program short, it did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance, who stayed until after 6 PM to see each act in attendance have an opportunity to hit the stage.

"The inaugural Celebrate Southeast Queens Weekend will be an exciting fun-filled weekend of activities for all to enjoy," said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. "We especially encourage residents to take full advantage of the health fair on the agenda with valuable free screenings and important health information. Thank you to Councilmember I. Daneek Miller and all the other government officials and community leaders who have helped make Celebrate Southeast Queens Weekend a reality."

"Celebrate Southeast Queens is an opportunity

to bring neighbors together and galvanize this community around our shared experiences," said Council Member I. Daneek Miller. "The events and services lined up are a reflection of our community, and the roster of participants truly reflects our collective strength. This inaugural weekend will be the seed that grows into an annual event, putting our identity on display for the world to witness. This effort will prove to be a testament to the great work that can be achieved through our collaboration."

State Senator James Sanders (D-Rochdale Village) remarked that "Southeast Queens is a beautiful and diverse community, but this hidden gem isn't always given the chance to shine. In order to raise awareness and celebrate the wonderful people, places and cultures that make this part of the borough so special, I am proud to be partnering with my colleagues in government for a health fair as part of the 'Celebrate Southeast Queens' weekend. It will feature live entertainment, physical fitness, health screenings and much more. I hope to see many of my constituents in attendance, enjoying the fresh air and meeting new people."

This weekend's events were coordinated through the efforts of the offices of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, New York State Senator James Sanders, Jr, New York State Senator Leroy Comrie Jr, Assembly Member Barbara Clark, Assembly Member Vivian Cook, Assembly Member Michele Titus, Council Member I. Daneek Miller, Council Member Ruben Wills, Council Member Donovan Richards Jr, and Congressman Gregory Meeks.

"Southeast Queens boasts some of the world's premiere talent: among many, Ella Fitzgerald, James Brown, Miles Davis and W.E.B. Du Bois all had the opportunity to produce some of their greatest works while calling our community home," said Senator Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans). "Yet such rich contributions are only the beginning of the

legacy Southeast Queens will impart to this City and beyond. This celebration honors both our tradition of greatness and the talent of today by lifting our best and brightest up, bringing their voices to the forefront and amplifying the rich talent this community has to showcase. Thanks to all our local leaders for making this day possible."

"Bringing our diverse community together to celebrate the unique cultures that make up Southeast Queens is a great way to honor our residents and the history that has made our area a vital element in the borough of Queens," said Council Member Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton). "I'd like to thank my colleagues and residents for helping to make this weekend of art, music and valuable information a success."

"The vibrant culture of Southeast Queens and its people is often overshadowed by senseless acts of violence that mar its beauty, and earn it a poor reputation in the borough", said Council Member Ruben Wills (D-South Ozone Park). "Celebrate Southeast Queens is our way of showcasing the ideals we as a community value and seek to promote: family, faith, education, innovation, entrepreneurship, health and wellness, and the arts. I am proud to be co-sponsoring these festivities with my fellow representatives, as we seek to cultivate a new commentary about Southeast Queens' future."

Assembly Member Vivian E. Cook (D-South Ozone Park) says "I am delighted to participate in the first ever Celebrate Southeast Queens event. Southern Queens is a great neighborhood with many wonderful and talented people. It is an honor to celebrate the gifted and artistic residents of this great community."

"I want to congratulate our elected officials for putting together this much needed event", commented Community Board 12 District Manager Yvonne Reddick. "Our community is long overdue for some positive attention, and I'm proud to see an event of this magnitude and significance finally come to fruition."

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Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on the 8th, day of June 2015, bearing Index number 369-2015, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, New York, grants me the right, to assume the name Jeffrey Aviles. My present address is 104-28 37 Drive, Apt 2, Second Floor, Corona, New York 11368. My date of birth is 2/22/97; My present name is Jeffrey Aviles Degante a/k/a Jeffrey Degante and My place of birth is County of Queens, State of New York. 7/9/2015

Elmhurst Corona Lions Club Presents

New York City's shelters are bursting at the seams with too many animals in need of a home. Join us as shelters throughout the city bring dogs and cats that are just waiting to be adopted

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015 Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Place: Corona Plaza Roosevelt Avenue between National and 104th Streets!

Gun Grip iPhone Case

New gun grip iPhone case likely violates federal law; senator calls on Amazon & eBay to immediately stop selling disaster waiting to happen case made to look exactly like a real gun; case creates danger when seen in kids' pockets; urges feds to block gun grip case now

Senator Schumer says online retailers should stop sale of iPhone gun grip cases immediately; it puts kids in jeopardy & is a tragedy waiting to happen; feds have grounds to halt shipments of dangerous cases to U.S. federal law requires "look-alike" or novelty guns to feature orange dot at end of gun's barrel to identify they are harmless; Schumer says present iPhone gun grip case lacks orange dot & should be banned; NYPD has already voiced major concerns & supports Schumer's new actions: Schumer: any retailer willing to sell this iPhone case is making a very bad call & putting lives at risk



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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., Plaintiff, Index No. 701922/2014

-vs- JUDITH SYKES-BROWN A/K/A JUDITH BROWN, HOPETON BROWN, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, and JOHN DOE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to a Resettled Order of Honorable David Elliot, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 28th day of May, 2015 at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: BLOCK 10965 LOT 282

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York bounded and described as follows:

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BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Francis Lewis Boulevard distant 41 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Francis Lewis Boulevard with the southerly side of 111th Avenue; RUNNING THENCE easterly parallel with the southerly side of 111th Avenue, and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet; THENCE southerly parallel with the easterly side of Francis Lewis Boulevard, 18 feet; THENCE westerly parallel with the southerly side of 111th Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall 100 feet to the easterly side of Francis Lewis Boulevard; THENCE northerly along the easterly side of Francis Lewis Boulevard, 18 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 11105 Francis Lewis Boulevard a/k/a 111-05 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village NY, 11429. 6/25,7/2,9&16/2015

K & S Liu Realty LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 06/11/15. Off. Loc.: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 9845 57th Ave., #1E, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 7/2,9,16,23,30&8/6/2015

Chandos Grant LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to David L Grant, 115-33 180th St, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: General. 7/2,9,16,23,30&8/6/2015

TENTIMES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/15. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 112-41 Queens Boulevard, Suite 201, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/9,16,23,30,8/6&13/2015

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 104 OTIS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to: THE LLC 93-07 LAMONT AVE BSMT, ELMHURST, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 7/9,16,23,30,8/6&13/2015



Noshwalks Corona Walking Tour

In this reconstituted version of the Corona part of the former Rego Park-Corona Noshwalk, we'll focus a lot more on the foodways, architecture and history of the area. We will, OF COURSE, visit the Lemon Ice King of Corona, but we'll also have delicious food of Ecuador,

Mexico, Colombia and Peru and also check out the baked goods at an old Italian bakery. We'll also pass by (and maybe visit) the Louis Armstrong House and Museum.

FEE: \$54 - includes all tastes but not beverages

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Meet at La Despensa Ecuatoriana, 102-08 Roosevelt Avenue. map it

Directions: Take the 7 train to 103rd Street

For further information call: (212) 222-2243 or visit www.noshwalks.com

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JANOVIC 1104 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/3/2014. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Donohue McGahan Catalano & Belitsis, 380 North Broadway, Ste. 306, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 215 7th Ave., NY, NY 10011. 6/25,7/2,9,16,23&30/2015

136-19 GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/6/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agent: Feng Lin 136-28 Booth Memorial Ave 2nd Fl Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/25,7/2,9,16,23&30/2015

Anarafena Medical, PLLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/22/10. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Azriel Benaroya, 217-57 Kingsbury Ave, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Medicine. 6/25,7/2,9,16,23&30/2015

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF Chatime USA, LLC. Auth. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/20/15. LLC formed in DE on 1/2/14. Office loc: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 3338 Farrington St Ste 2E Flushing NY 11354. Registered agent (RA) is Joseph Yau, Esq., 139 Centre St Ste 816 New York NY 10013. RA is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 N Orange St Wilmington DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Sec'y of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St Ste 4 Dover DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/11,18,25,7/2,9&16/2015

LWY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/04/15. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 13680 Roosevelt Ave., #302, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes. 6/11,18,25,7/2,9&16/2015

Gold Fixtures LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/27/15. Office: Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 26-14 123rd St. Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/4,11,18,25,7/2&9/2015

LEOPOLD 21 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/24/15. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 30-51 Steinway St., Astoria, NY 11103. General Purposes. 7/2,9,16,23,30&8/6/2015

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MY PC CIRCUITS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/2015. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Robert Zayfman, 65-14 108th St. Apt 6E, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/4,11,18,25,7/2&9/2015

5W. 16 STREET, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/13/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Melvin A. Mesnick, 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd., Apt. 18-H, Whitestone, NY 11357. General purpose. 6/25,7/2,9,16,23&30/2015

DAVOS CAR LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/18/2015. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Savas Konstantinides, 34-20 31 St., Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/4,11,18,25,7/2&9/2015

Notice of Formation of ICE CREEK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 05/07/2015. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Jiayun Gu, 474 48th Ave, Apt 29B, Long Island City, NY 11109 principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 6/4,11,18,25,7/2&9/2015

Notice of Formation of LIVE LOVE BRONZE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 05/06/2015. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Kristina Sctafani, 59-31 71st Street, Maspeth, NY 11278 principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

THE BLACK OF SPACE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/2015. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Phillip A Laudin, 65-56 224th St., #2, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

Timbuilt Technologies LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 5/8/15. Office: Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to princ add./RA Delano S. Cooper 8620 Park Ln. S. #5H Woodhaven NY 11421. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

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File No.: 2014-240/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Estate of Lydia Evdokimoff Kyra Spotaso Natalie Makarow Chapin Home for the Aging Ilana Davidov, Esq. Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MARIA PARFIMOVICH, 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 MARIA PARFIMOVICH, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 257-24 12th Road, Whitestone, NY 11357, 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 MARIA PARFIMOVICH, 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, on the 6th day of August, 2015 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., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$30,133.20 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(4); and why the claim from Chapin Home for the Aging in the amount of \$136,619.03 should

not be paid; 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 8th day of June, 2015 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374

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 6/18,25,7/2&9/2015

Notice of Qualification of eV2g, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/26/15. Office location: Queens County. Princ. bus. addr.: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540. LLC formed in DE on 9/12/11. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 6/11,18,25,7/2,9&16/2015

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Tou Patera Mou LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 51-08 Browvale Lane, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: General. 6/11,18,25,7/2,9&16/2015

Accounting Citation 6/18,25,7/2&9/2015

Happy Home, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 164-05 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: General. 6/11,18,25,7/2,9&16/2015

43-04 BAYSIDE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2315 24th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102. General Purpose. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

43-04 BAYSIDE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2315 24th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102. General Purpose. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

43-04 BAYSIDE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2315 24th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102. General Purpose. 6/18,25,7/2,9,16&23/2015

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File No.: 2014-2919/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Maria Corliss, Esq., Christopher Renfroe, Esq., Joseph Morabito, CPA, Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MARGARET MCBRIDE, 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 MARGARET MCBRIDE, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 46-47 Robinson Street, Flushing, NY, 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 MARGARET MCBRIDE, 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, on the 27th day of August, 2015 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., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$55,697.67 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 5.5% 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(4); and why the petitioner should not be authorized to retain the sum of \$50,000.00 to satisfy the contingent and possible

claim of Marie A. Corliss, Esq., Article 81 Guardian, Joseph Morabito, CPA for Article 81 Guardian, and Christopher Renfroe, Esq., Referee, for a period of 6 months from the date of the decree to be settled hereon; and why, upon service on the petitioner of an Order from the New York Supreme Court fixing the legal fees and commissions of Marie A. Corliss, Esq., Article 81 Guardian, Joseph Morabito, CPA for Article 81 Guardian, and Christopher Renfroe, Esq., Referee, for services rendered to the decedent, petitioner should not be further authorized to pay Marie A. Corliss, Esq., Article 81 Guardian, Joseph Morabito, CPA for Article 81 Guardian, and Christopher Renfroe, Esq., Referee, said amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and why if Marie A. Corliss, Esq., Article 81 Guardian, Joseph Morabito, CPA for Article 81 Guardian, and Christopher Renfroe, Esq., Referee, should fail to obtain an order from the New York Supreme Court fixing his legal fee and commissions for services rendered to the decedent within six months from the Notice of Entry of the decree to be settled hereon, the amount retained by the petitioner shall be distributed as set forth in the petition; 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 30th day of June, 2015 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374

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Notice of Formation of DOUGLSTON CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 04/29/2015. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Gerald Silverman, 72-16 243 Street, Douglaston, NY 11362 principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 7/2,9,16,23,30&8/6/2015

NYC Council Member Dromm & LGBT Activists Hold Candlelight Vigil to Mark 25th Anniversary of Julio Rivera's Anti-Gay Murder in Jackson Heights



Council Member Daniel Dromm, relatives of the late Julio Rivera and LGBT activists at candlelight vigil marking 25th Anniversary of Rivera's Anti-Gay Murder in Jackson Heights

New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights, Elmhurst), LGBT activists, and family members of the late Julio Rivera gathered for a candlelight vigil to mark the 25th Anniversary of Rivera's murder on July 2, 1990. Rivera was beaten to death by three men simply because he was gay. The night he was killed, he had been returning from a friend's house in Rego Park to his apartment in Jackson Heights. The story soon became national news and galvanized the LGBT community into action. The vigil was held at 37th Avenue and 78th Street, the corner near the playground of a Jackson Heights elementary school where the murder took place.

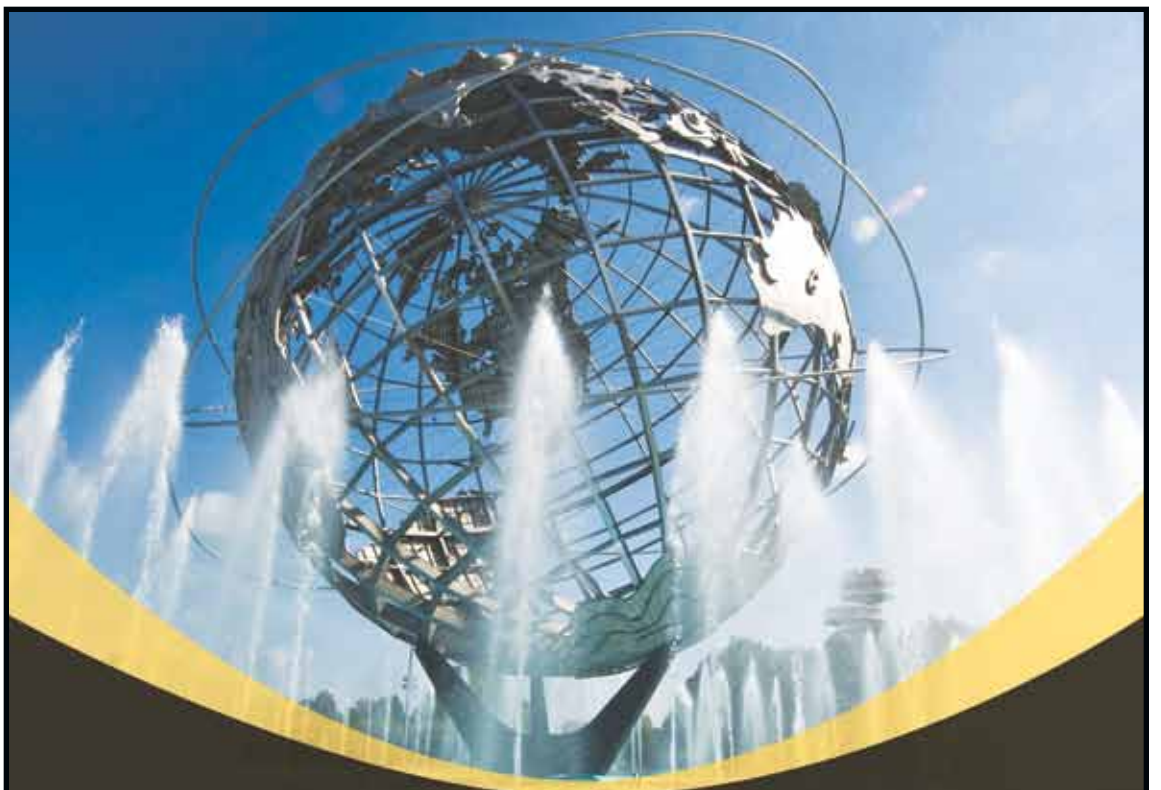
"We come together tonight to honor the life of Julio Rivera, who was brutally murdered in 1990, and to call attention to the fact that hate crimes still occur against LGBTQ people, women, people of color and immigrants,"

said Council Member Dromm. "Julio's murder twenty five years ago sparked an outrage and a determination in our community to speak up and send a powerful message against anti-LGBT hate and bias crimes. The attention brought to anti-gay bias against victims like Julio and countless others helped our efforts to pass anti-bias and anti-discrimination laws in our state and across the country. Unfortunately, this kind of violence remains a reality particularly against transgender women so we must continue to educate our society that it will not be tolerated."

"The Rivera family is grateful to Council Member Daniel Dromm and to all those who have kept Julio's memory and legacy alive throughout these last 25 years," stated Ted Rivera, brother of Julio Rivera. "His death was not in vain; so many positive things have resulted from this tragedy."

On Factory Tour, Legislators Get Inside Look at Flourishing Local Business

Flushing—Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) joined Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Borough President Melinda Katz and Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz (D-Electchester, Pomonok) for a tour of the Crystal Windows and Door Systems hosted by co-owner Steve Chen (center). During the walk through of the facility, they discussed property taxes and how government can encourage the growth of local industry and business.



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