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## Point of View

### Con Edison Warns Customers Not To Fall For Scam Callers

Refer Suspicious Calls to Police or 1-800-75CONED

Con Edison is warning customers not to fall for scams in which a caller threatens a service turnoff unless the customer purchases a pre-paid card or arranges for a transfer via MoneyGram to pay a bill.

These callers are not from Con Edison and Con Edison does not accept payments of electric or gas bills by pre-paid debit cards, or by MoneyGram or similar transfers.

The company has recently seen a spike in reports from customers who were contacted by the scammers. Con Edison believes the scammers are calling customers randomly, not targeting just those who owe back payments. The company has received complaints from residential and business customers.

The scammers sometimes even tell the customer about a store near the customer's home that sells pre-paid cards. The scammer instructs the customer to pay cash to put money on the card and to then provide the number on the card to the person who called.

Once the customer provides the scammer with the card number, the scammer steals the money on the card.

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### Chinese American Planning Council Hosted "Instant Decision Day" With SUNY Buffalo



Chinese American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC) hosted its first-ever "Instant Decision Day" with SUNY Buffalo on Saturday, at the CPC Queens Community Center at 133-14 41st Avenue in Flushing.

The event allowed local high school students to meet with admissions counselors from SUNY Buffalo, receive guidance on the

college admissions process, and the chance to be instantly accepted to the upstate university.

At the event, 21 high school students were instantly accepted to SUNY Buffalo for the Fall 2017 semester.

"We were thrilled to be able to partner with SUNY Buffalo

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## Third Annual Children's Holiday Parade Rocks Bayside



Council Member Paul Valone and over a thousand marchers and spectators crowd Bell Boulevard to witness the holiday spectacle! See story on page 2.

## Sacred Music Society Presents its Annual Christmas Concert at Forest Hills Church



The Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills is preparing to for the holiday season with their annual Christmas Concert this weekend on Sunday. Photo courtesy The Sacred Music Society. See story on page 2.



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There have even been reports of these scammers making a Con Edison phone number show up on the customer's caller ID.

With MoneyGram, scammers may ask a customer to provide money from a bank account, credit card or debit card by going online or to a specified location. The money goes into someone else's bank account or is available for the receiver to pick up in cash.

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transfer as payment for your bill, or to send money to an out-of-state address. Never arrange payment or divulge account or personal information, including debit or credit card information, over the telephone, unless you are certain you are speaking to a Con Edison representative.

Anyone who feels they may have been a target of an imposter or a payment scam should call their local police department. They may also call Con Edison at 1-800-75CONED.

Con Edison's website, <http://www.coned.com/customercentral/management/bill.asp>, offers a variety of approved and convenient options for bill payment.

Con Edison is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. [NYSE: ED], one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$13 billion in annual revenues and \$46 billion in assets. The utility provides electric, gas and steam service to more than three million customers in New York City and Westchester County, New York.

## Sacred Music Society Presents its Annual Christmas Concert at Forest Hills Church

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The Oratorio Society of Queens will join the Sacred Music Society to perform this concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m., under the artistic direction of Maestro David Close, the music director of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

The first half of the concert includes highlights from the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah." The performance features Geraldine McMillian, so-

prano; John Easterlin, tenor; and Vaughn Fritts, bass-baritone with the Orchestral Arts Ensemble of Queens; and, the second half of the concert features popular Christmas songs including Leroy Anderson's ever-popular "Sleigh Ride," "The First Nowell," a musical meditation on this Christmas carol arranged by Mack Wilberg, and "Angels' Carol" by John Rutter. Also featured in the show is "A Christmas Cradle Song" by C.B. Hawley, specially arranged by

Maestro David Close, Don Marsh's "Ten Thousand Joys" and "The 12 Days of Christmas" arranged by Carmen Dragon, Oscar-winning Hollywood composer and arranger.

The concert is performed in the church which is located at 110-06 Queens Blvd. Tickets are \$30 general admission and \$10 for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult. For more information about the Christmas Concert call Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Rectory at 718-268-6251.

## Third Annual Children's Holiday Parade Rocks Bayside

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The Children's Holiday Parade, sponsored by Council Member Paul Vallone and the Bayside Village BID, came back for a third year and was bigger and better than ever before. Over a thousand marchers and spectators filled Bell Boulevard from 36th Avenue to 41st Avenue as the parade came into full swing and concluded with words from elected officials, a performance from the Landrum School of Performing Arts, songs from the choirs of P.S. 31, St. Andrew Avellino School, P.S. 41, and a Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting. At the end of the parade, The Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club, Council Member Vallone's Student Ambassadors and other volunteers treated everyone to hot chocolate and baked goods, courtesy of Papazzio Restaurant

and Martha's Country Bakery. The enormous turnout is a clear sign that this event, a tradition that unites Northeast Queens in celebration of the holidays, will continue to grow each year.

This year's parade featured many special guests, with Mr. Met and Santa Claus on hand to greet the massive crowds. The groups that marched in the parade included the NYPD Ceremonial Unit and Marching Band, the Auburndale Soccer Club, P.S. 31 and 41, St. Kevin's Girl Scouts, the Whitepoint Wolverines, the Bombers Lacrosse team, the Michelle Marie Rock Camp, the Bayside Rebels Baseball Team, St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children and the Dwarf - Giraffe Athletic League. Lastly, the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) came to march alongside Santa Clause.

"Sunday's third annual Chil-

dren's Holiday Parade truly symbolized the spirit of every community, faith, holiday and beauty of this most wonderful time of the year!" stated Council Member Vallone. "The countless children, families, friends and neighbors who came out were a true testament to the power the holidays have to bring a community together in shared celebration. I look forward to seeing this parade continue to grow each year and I would like to send a personal thank you to every marcher, organization, school, performer and family that that helped make this event such a success. Seeing the smiles on every child's face, family members embracing as we marched together and watching the great performers and community join together in song as we welcomed Santa and the Holidays will always be carried in my heart."

## Chinese American Planning Council Hosted "Instant Decision Day" With SUNY Buffalo

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for our first-ever 'Instant Decision Day' and offer students this unique opportunity to get accepted into college on the day that they applied," said Janice Won, Interim President & CEO of CPC. "Knowing that 21 members from the local community have already been accepted to SUNY Buffalo makes us very proud."

The event was attended by 36 students, making the acceptance rate for the event 58 percent. There were seven admissions counselors from SUNY Buffalo on site to meet with each student individually and review their applications. All students received guidance on

the admissions process and feedback on how to make their college applications stronger.

About Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC) and its Affiliate Organizations Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.'s mission is to serve the Chinese-American, immigrant and low-income communities in New York City by providing services, skills and resources leading to economic self-sufficiency. Our vision is to be the Model Service and Leadership Development Organization.

As one of the largest Asian American nonprofit social services agencies in the United States, CPC provides culturally sensitive

programs for all ages. CPC currently serves over 8,000 people daily through 50+ contracted programs in 30+ locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. <https://www.cpc-nyc.org>

CPC's affiliate organizations include the Chinese-American Planning Council Home Attendant Program, Inc., Chinatown Planning Council Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. (senior housing), Nan Shan Local Development Corporation (Flushing building in development), The CPC Tribeca Center, Inc., (program space in TriBeCa) and 16 Dutch Housing Development Fund Corp. (affordable housing Financial District)



## Cong. Meng And Tonko Elected Regional Whips For New York

U.S. Representatives Grace Meng (D-NY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) announced today that they have been selected as Regional Whips for New York in the upcoming 115th session Congress which begins in January.

Elected by their Democratic colleagues from the New York State congressional delegation, Meng and Tonko will advise New York Democrats about upcoming legislation and report the sentiments to Democratic leadership in the House. Meng will be responsible for Democratic House members from New York City and Long Island and Tonko will be responsible for Democratic House members from Upstate New York.

In addition to her new role as a Regional Whip for New York, Meng will continue to serve as an Assistant Whip, a position she was appointed to last year by House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), the second highest ranking Democrat in the House.

"I thank my New York State colleagues for electing me to the important position of Regional Whip," said Meng. "It is an honor to be selected and I am excited to serve in this capacity with Rep. Tonko. I look forward to continuing the fight for New York's

middle class families, and helping advance the Democratic agenda in the next session of Congress."

"The House has a long to-do list ahead of it when we reconvene in January for the 115th Congress, and I'm looking forward to getting to work," said Tonko. "With its diverse economy, communities, and economies, Upstate New York represents America – and Upstate Democrats will continue to vote to create well-paying jobs, raise wages, and defend hard-working families in the communities they represent. In a few short years Congresswoman Meng has proven to be an effective and responsible leader that hit the ground running the day she was elected, and I couldn't be happier to work with her in this capacity for the next two years."

"I congratulate my friends and colleagues Representatives Meng and Tonko on their election to these leadership positions in New York's congressional delegation," said Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY), dean of the New York congressional delegation for the 115th Congress. "Their expertise will help give our state an important voice in Congress and a seat at the table when important decisions are being made that af-

fect the future of all New Yorkers. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences will help ensure that all New Yorkers are represented in our caucus leadership. I'm looking forward to working with them in their new roles to move our state and nation forward."

First elected to the House in 2009, Tonko represents New York's Capital Region, which includes Albany, Amsterdam, Schenectady, and Troy. He currently serves as the Ranking Member on the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on the Environment and the Economy. He also works on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Meng is presently serving her second term in the House representing the Sixth Congressional District of New York encompassing the New York City borough of Queens, including west, central and northeast Queens. She is the first Asian American Member of Congress from New York State, and the only Congressmember of Asian descent in the entire Northeast. She is also a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee where she is the Ranking Member of the Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee.

## House Passes Meng Legislation to Strengthen Rewards Program That Fights Terrorism and International Crime

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) announced today that the House has passed her legislation to strengthen the Rewards for Justice Program, a key government initiative used to fight terrorism and other international crimes.

The program allows the Secretary of State to pay cash rewards for information that leads to the apprehension anybody involved in international terrorism, narcotics

trafficking, transnational crime, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide.

Meng's measure would add rewards for those who provide information on individuals who "aid" or "abet" war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide. Currently, people who offer information on individuals who "aid" or "abet" these kinds of criminal acts do not qualify for this type of financial reward.

"The Rewards For Justice Program is a great tool in our country's fight against terrorism and other crimes, and my provision would make it even better," said Meng, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "It is critical that we use all resources at our disposal to bring international criminals to justice. I look forward to this legislation now moving through the Senate."

## Parent Advisory Board's Monthly Meeting

Assemblywoman joined Queens Borough President Melinda Katz to welcome NYS Commissioner Mary Ellen Elia at the Parent Advisory Board's monthly meeting at Queens Borough Hall.

"Thank you to Queens Borough President Melinda Katz for hosting and NYS Commissioner Mary Ellen Elia for speaking and listening to many of our parents in Queens" said Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan. "As Chair of the NYS Assembly Education Committee, I look forward to continue working with the Commissioner to ensure that our state has the necessary funding it needs to give every student a sound, basic education."



**Pictured: NYS Commissioner Mary Ellen Elia, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chair, Assembly Education Committee, Regent Judith Chin, Queens Representative, NYS Board of Regents, Deborah Dillingham, Queens Representative, Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) and Monica Guiterrez, Education Director, Queens Borough President's Office.**

## Avoid Holiday Gift Snafus: Don't Forget the Batteries!

If you want to avoid one of the biggest holiday season jumbles, remember the batteries when giving gifts to kids and tech lovers.

Ninety percent of Americans have forgotten batteries for a holiday gift in the past, according to a survey by Energizer in 2016. And 44 percent of consumers take batteries out of their other devices to power a holiday gift if they forgot to purchase batteries at the store.

So don't let the phrase "Batteries Not Included" crush holiday cheer or require an anti-climactic run to the store.

Parents will want to be especially mindful of ensuring gifts are ready to use, as kids can be extra eager to play with their new toys once opened. But whether it's a remote-controlled car, video game controller or robotic pet, recipients of all ages will want

to enjoy their gifts right away, so don't forget to read the labels on holiday items and be prepared.

Remember, batteries make for great stocking stuffers. And this year, you can get prepped for holidays present and future, as Energizer MAX AA batteries allow them to hold power for up to 10 years while in storage.

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## Read Magazines for Free on Your Phone With Queens Library Card

You can now read hundreds of magazines for free on your phone and all you need is a Queens Library card.

Library patrons can now use their phones and tablets to access a new web portal with free digital copies of popular magazines like National Geographic, The New Yorker, Elle, Forbes, Rolling Stone and Vogue, the library said.

The portal, digitalq.nyc, known as Digital Q, lets users read magazines without downloading an app, the library said. Instead, the site serves as a direct line into the library's digital magazine collection of more than 10,000 issues.

The idea is the brainchild of Queens Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott, who, before taking over the library earlier this year, volunteered at Queens Hospital Center.

At a recent event at the hospital, where the portal was launched, Walcott said that the notion came to him when, while watching both patients and their relatives, he realized that "sometimes they're

having idle time and not having something accessible to do."

"What we want to do is give them that opportunity to participate in having something to do ... and something to read," he added. In the future, the portal will also include other parts of the library's digital collection, such as e-books and e-music, according to Queens Library spokeswoman Elisabeth de Bourbon.

In an effort to provide more readers with better access to digital reading materials, anyone interested in using the portal can now sign up for an e-card providing only name, phone number and date of birth, the library said.

"It takes only seconds to receive an e-card and pin after that information is submitted," de Bourbon said in an email. "Users can't start streaming unless they have an e-card."

Until now, library users had the option to download magazine issues onto their desktops, but could not access them on their phones, the library said.

## Senator Sanders Launches and Expands Free Legal Assistance Program for Seniors

Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rockdale Village, D-Far Rockaway) today launched a new program where he will host free legal services for senior citizens age 60 and older at his District Office in South Ozone Park. The program is conducted in partnership with Queens Legal Services for the Elderly, a part of the Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA).

"Seniors are a vital part of this community and I am committed to providing them with the services they need, close to home," Sanders said. "Our elders should not be burdened with legal issues because they can't afford help or can't travel to receive help, so I am proud to partner with Queens Legal Services for the Elderly and JASA to bring free legal services to our seniors."

Due to the overwhelming demand for services, Senator Sanders will continue to host the program on the first Monday of every month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at his District Office at 142-01 Rockaway Boulevard, South Ozone Park, NY 11436.

"We at JASA thank Senator Sanders for the opportunity to partner with his office to provide these vital legal services to Queens seniors, allowing them to remain independently and with dignity in their homes and community," stated Donna Dougherty, Attorney-in-Charge of JASA/Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens.

Those interested in receiving help must make an appointment by calling 718-523-3069. Assistance is available relating to the following issues:

- Eviction Prevention
- Housing Rights
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Property Fraud
- Elder Abuse
- Estate Planning
- Predatory Lending
- Social Security, SSI, Medicare and Medicaid Eligibility

Note: Senator Sanders also currently offers free legal assistance for veterans on the first Thursday of every month at his District Office. Those interested in that program can make an appointment by calling (718) 523-3069.

## Local "Angels" Deliver Holiday Cheer to Seniors

December is a month filled with tasty treats, shiny new toys and loads of quality time with family. One local group of angels is working non-stop to make sure the next four weeks are extra special for seniors across the country. Visiting Angels, one of the nation's largest in-home senior care companies with an office in your area, is spreading the spirit of giving. The angels are delivering boxes of Holiday Cheer to seniors in your community. Each box is packed with customized creations sure to bring a twinkle to either

Grandma's or Grandpa's eye! "If you can't be with your senior relatives this December, send them an angel and a box of Holiday Cheer," says Larry Meigs, CEO of Visiting Angels. "For families who live far apart, our caregivers can quickly step in and make the holidays fun, warm and memorable."

Visiting Angels: Box of Senior Holiday Cheer

- Holiday cookies or candy: Angels hand-deliver ingredients to whip up everything from sug-

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## Whirl With Merle

### CHIN CHIH YANG IS AT IT AGAIN by Merle Exit

An art project made up of one thousand recycled aluminum cans is on display at COPE NY located in the former Pfizer Building at 630 Flushing Avenue in Brooklyn, very typical of visual artist Chin Chih Yang. It may not be obvious that a 32 foot long LED lighted "arrow" is pointing at an abstract human head, part of an installation of artists through December 16, 2016.

ChinChih, who hails from Taiwan, is quite known for using both crushed and thin strips of aluminum cans to create his art style. One piece that had been shown as part of an event through the Taiwanese American Arts Council, "Pollution Solution" was made up of strips of aluminum cans to create a net and backed by LED lights. He wrote, "Unfortunately, pollution has become an integral part of our lives. We ourselves are the only ones who may be able to come up with a collective solution to this dilemma". In 2012 ChinChih presented his interactive performance art piece, "Kill Me or Change", in front of the Queens Museum. 30,000 aluminum cans were dropped on the artist in an effort to call attention to the effects of over-consumption in modern society.

Aside from the ability to reflect light, Chin Chih sees these aluminum cans as something close to our bodies as an "everyday use". "It's very strong, shiny and beautiful material," said



Chin Chih. "But, they are also poisonous to both our bodies and the air around us when recycled."

On opening night, November 19th, Chin Chih donned an "aluminum cape" as part of his interactive performance. Cans

are collected from all over New York City as well as having it known that he does so as people collect for him. Where does he store the tremendous amount of cans? He has a house outside of New York City.

## When Might Opening a Joint Bank Account Make Sense?

*By Nathaniel Sillin*

Did you recently get married, move in with a new roommate, see a child off to college or start managing a relative's finances? The change in relationship dynamics could prompt you to consider tying part of your financial lives together by opening a joint bank account.

You might enjoy the conveniences a joint account offers, or you could see it as a symbolic step in your relationship. But before you open a bank account with someone else, consider the potential benefits and drawbacks of the arrangement.

First, here's a quick introduction to joint accounts. Individual and joint accounts are similar in many ways. You can open a joint account at an online-only bank or local bank branch. However, with a joint account both co-owners can deposit or withdraw money as if it was an individual account. The account holders can also write checks, make online payments or transfers and use the account's debit cards (if it offers them) to make purchases or withdrawals.

Let's start with a few situations where you might want to use a joint bank account, followed by examples of why the arrangement might not make sense for you. You might want a joint

account if you share financial responsibilities with someone else. Sharing a joint account could be a good option if you're married or living with a significant other. Some couples keep their individual accounts and also create a joint account where they deposit a portion of their paychecks and use the money to pay for household expenses or a shared savings goal.

With two people contribution to and watching a shared account, it could be easier to meet minimum balance requirements and identify savings opportunities. Some accounts also offer higher interest rates the more money you have in the account.

A shared account could also help you care for a family member. A joint bank account could help you care for relatives, whether they live nearby or in another state. With co-owner access, it'll be easy to deposit or transfer funds online and at a bank branch, pay the person's bills from the account and keep an eye on the account's activity and balance.

But beware, joint accounts give everyone full ownership of the money. No matter who makes the deposit, once money is in a joint account, each member "owns" it and can legally spend it however he or she wants. In other words,

you might not have any recourse if your new roommate raids a joint account and spends the rent money on a weekend getaway.

A joint account holder's debt could also spell trouble for everyone on the account. Because every joint account holder has equal rights to the money, creditors can go after the money in a joint account if they sue one of the account holders. Meaning all the money is risk if one person gets sued, falls behind on bills or doesn't pay taxes.

If you're considering using a joint account to help manage an older relative's finances, a convenience account or getting power of attorney may be potentially safer alternatives.

Communication and trust are vital to managing a joint account. Lack of communication between joint account holders could lead to overdrawn accounts or low balances, and the corresponding fees. It can also lead to disputes if the owners have different ideas of how the money should be spent.

Some co-owners make an informal agreement before opening an account together. Although it won't have legal backing, you could create a rule that you have

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## Getting Back to Basics: The Lost Art of Writing Things Down



In this digital age, you may go days without using a pen and paper, but there are many reasons to skip the devices and stick to writing things down. From staying organized to planning your week to tracking career growth, here are a few things to take note of when it comes to taking notes.

- Taking notes in longhand can help you retain more information, suggests a study from Princeton and UCLA, as taking notes makes you more likely to process the information and reframe it in your own words. Not only that, your notepad is likely to contain fewer distractions than your laptop, tablet or phone.

- Look professional and stay organized at your next interview or meeting. Taking notes will make you look engaged and interested in what is happening, and a professional planner and/or notebook are must-have workplace accessories. Brands like AT-A-GLANCE offer professional, yet stylish planners, matching desk pads, notepads and wall calendars in a variety of styles and formats. Visit [MyAtAGlanceStory.com](http://MyAtAGlanceStory.com) for organizational inspiration.

- Making comments in your notebook or planner helps you become the publisher of your story, capturing your life's moments along the way. These are tools that help you look back on events in a tangible way.

- Rid yourself of the ever-present stress that comes with a busy life. Seeing everything written down will give you a sense of control. You will feel confident in knowing

you have it all set, and keeping a record of your tasks in one location gives you an easy, organized way to get a grasp on your days.

- Using a planner to track your schedule can actually help you find missing time. You will have a better grasp on what is coming up and may even see a break that leaves you time to schedule dinner with a friend, try that new recipe you've been craving, or time to search for that special birthday present you need for the party this weekend.

- Increase productivity by maximizing the 24 hours that you have. Seeing everything on paper will help you plan and prioritize. Having "scheduled downtime" can help you to know when to go full steam ahead and when to take a break and unwind for a bit.

- Tracking in one place can also help prevent committing to things you can't do. Wall calendars for the house are a great tracking tool for multiple schedules, helping day-to-day tasks run smoothly.

- Whether you're planning a wedding or a work conference, a planner is among the most important assets you can use to aid your efforts, helping you keep track of all the details, large and small.

Find a favorite pen and a favorite planner, and get back to basics. It may have been a little while since you relied on paper, but you may find that writing things down helps you keep better track of all of life's little details and makes you the publisher of your own story. (StatePoint)

## 5 Steps For Easy Entertaining

Hosting a large group of family and friends can be overwhelming, especially if entertaining isn't something you do often. No matter the occasion, these tips can help you avoid common party pitfalls so you can keep the focus on having fun.

Offer an assortment. Rather than attempting to plan the menu around a wide range of likes, dislikes, allergies and other considerations, simply create a menu that satisfies everyone's cravings. If you're serving a buffet, provide a mix of hot and cold dishes in a variety of tastes and textures. For a plated meal, offer several robust sides so if the main dish misses the mark for one or two guests, there's no chance of anyone going hungry.

Create a beverage cart. The kitchen is likely to be a hotbed of

activity, but setting up a remote beverage cart can help redirect some of that traffic. A cart or table with multiple shelves is ideal. Stock the cart with an ice bucket and tongs; garnish such as lemons, limes, olives and cherries; and an assortment of glasses. Offer a couple of bottled beers on ice (one light and one with a bolder flavor), at least one white and one red wine, and a couple of liquors that work with a wide array of mixers, such as vodka and rum. Round out the cart with a few mixers, including fruit juice so non-drinkers can enjoy mocktails as well.

Never compromise on wine. Lots of times, guests have wildly different tastes in wine and it can seem impossible to select a couple bottles that everyone will like. If

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**ARIES**  
(Mar. 21- April 20)  
Be supportive in order to avoid confrontations. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky numbers are: 6,3,1

**TAURUS**  
(Apr. 21- may 21)  
Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs. You should be looking into making changes around the house. Your lucky numbers are: 9,5,3

**GEMINI**  
(May 22-June 21)  
Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. You need some help this week. Too many opportunities and too many changes going on. Your lucky numbers are: 1,4,7

**CANCER**  
(June 22-July 22)  
You will be uncertain of your feelings. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,8

**LEO**  
(July 23-Aug 22)  
You may have some difficulties with someone you live with. Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. Your lucky numbers are: 4,2,9

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)  
Don't take sides if you wish to remain on good terms with both parties. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. Your lucky numbers are: 9,3,5

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)  
It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Make plans to do something special with the one you love. Your lucky numbers are: 9,4,3

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. Children or friends may try to talk you into lending them money. Your lucky numbers are: 7,1,8

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)  
Think of joining a health club that will benefit your physical appearance. Travel will promote romantic connections. Your lucky numbers are: 4,9,7

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec 22. - Jan. 20)  
Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Don't let other people meddle in your private affairs. Your lucky numbers are: 9,4,2

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)  
Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. Try to visit a country that excites you. You will have a little more energy than usual. lucky numbers are: 3,1,9

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)  
You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Don't let situations get out of control. Your lucky numbers are: 6,8,1

5 Steps For Easy Entertaining

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you want to please everyone but worry you'll end up with a stash of partially poured bottles, there is an alternative to pulling all those corks. The Coravin Wine System lets you serve wine without removing the cork, allowing your guests to pour as much or as little wine as they like (you can save the rest or what's left for another day). Using a Coravin System is like having a wine bar in your house. Rather than settling for what is open, everyone can drink whatever they like, even if the entire group has dramatically different tastes. If someone wants to taste lots of different wines, they will have the freedom to do just that.

Plan ahead for refills. Clear as much space as possible in the refrigerator for extras so you can easily replenish anything that runs out. Make extra pitchers of punch, and have bowls of popular items ready to replace as needed. For warm items, use the warming feature on your oven to hold dishes at serving temperatures, or simply leave the oven off and contain the precooked dishes' warmth.

Remember to enjoy yourself. Your guests can easily sense when you're frazzled or stressed, so plan ahead and get all your preparations completed well before anyone arrives. Then you'll be ready to mingle, visit and set a warm and inviting tone for an event that everyone can enjoy. (Family Features)

When Might Opening a Joint Bank Account Make Sense?

By Nathaniel Sillin

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to ask the other person before spending \$150 or more. Using a mobile app to check a joint account's balance before making a purchase could also help you avoid mistakes.

Bottom line: While joint bank accounts let two or more people share access to an account, the convenience of the arrangement can sometimes be outweighed by the risks it poses to the co-owners. Even if you trust the other co-owner, having a clear understanding of the intention behind the account and how the money will be used are important to avoiding arguments and mismanagement of your joint funds.

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



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## Rozic Brings Sticky Notes Display to Flushing

To give Queens residents an outlet to express their inner thoughts and concerns, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Flushing) announced today that her storefront window will be transformed into an interactive project open to the public that echoes sticky note displays popping up all over New York.

"People should have an opportunity to express themselves and remind everyone that we are a strong and united community," said Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. "I want to give everyone a small outlet to express their post-election thoughts, grief, confusion and responses moving forward."

New Yorkers had taken to a tunnel that connects the 14th Street stations at Seventh Avenue and Avenue of the Americas to demonstrate their feelings following the victory of President-elect Donald Trump. The project was initiated by New York artist Mat-



thew "Levee" Chavez.

Messages written on a selection of neon notes range from comforting quotes to political statements. Some sticky notes are in response to others, while most are individual thoughts.

Rozic's office is located at 159-

16 Union Turnpike in Flushing, and is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10am-5pm. The storefront has previously hosted seasonal artwork from local artists as well as artwork from elementary and middle students in the area.

## Expansion of Trash Collection

On Friday December 2, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan participated in a press conference along with Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley, Councilman Antonio Reynoso, Commissioner Kathryn Garcia, NYC Sanitation Department and several community leaders to announce an expansion of trash collection.

"Thank you to Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley and Councilman Antonio Reynoso for advocating and working together with Commissioner Garcia to secure this additional funding for an extra day of basket pickup" said



**Pictured: Deputy Inspector Mark T. Wachter, Commanding Officer, 104th Precinct, Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley, Commissioner Kathryn Garcia, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Ted Renz, Executive Director, Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District, Gary Giordano, District Manager, Queens Community Board 5 and Councilman Antonio Reynoso.**

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan. "This expansion will allow many of our communities to get

the necessary services it needs to ensure that our commercial areas remain litter free."

## Greater Ridgewood Youth Council Ribbon Cutting.

On Friday December 2, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan along with her colleagues in government, community leaders and Ridgewood residents participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council's new building. The new building, located on Fairview Avenue, will officially be called the Serphin R. Maltese Community Center and be operated by the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council.

"For over 30 years, Bob Monahan and the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council have been a great community asset providing much needed services like Pre-K, after school programs and summer youth employment to many parents, students and residents in Ridgewood," said Assembly-



**Pictured: Evelyn Cruz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office; Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley; State Senator Joseph Addabbo; Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan; former State Senator Serphin Maltese; Bob Monahan, Executive Director of the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council; Assemblyman Mike Miller; Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Diana Reyna; and Deputy Inspector Mark T. Wachter, Commanding Officer, 104th Police Precinct.**

woman Catherine Nolan. "This additional building will allow the youth council to do even more

by providing them the necessary space to offer additional services and programs for our community."

## Emergency Tenant Workshop Forum

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan stopped by and participated in an Emergency Tenant Workshop Forum at the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council.

The forum which was sponsored by Councilman Antonio Reynoso had several representatives from Queens Legal Services, Catholic Migration Services and the Legal Aid Society, Legal Empowerment and Assistance Program, Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation and the Ridgewood Tenants Union who were available to answer questions.



**Pictured (L to R): Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Raquel Namuche, Ridgewood Tenants Union & Board Member of Queens Community Board 5, Bob Monahan, Executive Director, Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Evelyn Cruz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office, Councilman Antonio Reynoso and several residents of Ridgewood.**

## Ridgewood Democratic Club (RDC) Held its Annual Holiday Party



**Pictured above (L to R): David Renz, RDC Co-President; David Agliodoro, Democratic District Leader 37B; Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan; Alison Cummings, RDC Co-President; Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.; NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer; and Eddie Lettau, RDC Board Member.**



**Pictured (L to R): Top Row: Thomas Borneman, RDC Board Member; Gerard Tate, RDC Board Member; David Renz, RDC Co-President; Alison Cummings, RDC Co-President; Eddie Lettau, RDC Board Member; and Kate Brennan, RDC Board Member Middle Row: David Agliodoro, Democratic District Leader 37B; Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley; Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer; Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and Councilman Antonio Reynoso Bottom Row: John Sendlein, RDC Member; Joan de Camp, RDC Board Member; Anne Muller, RDC Vice President; Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan; and Aida Descartes.**

On December 2, 2016, the Ridgewood Democratic Club (RDC) held its annual Holiday Party. Thank you to all of the elected officials that stopped by to celebrate including NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Councilwoman Elizabeth Crow-

ley and Councilman Antonio Reynoso. Thank you to all of our members, neighborhood residents and friends for coming out and supporting the club. Wishing everyone a happy holidays and happy new year!

A big thank you to Assemblyman Mike Miller for sponsoring this year's holiday party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21 at 11AM which is our annual membership brunch.

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## Mayor De Blasio and NYCHA Announce Completion of Roof Replacements at Queensbridge Houses, North America's Largest Public Housing Development

\$87 million at Queensbridge part of \$300 million capital investment throughout NYCHA placing new roofs on 263 buildings

Mayor Bill de Blasio and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chair Shola Olatoye today announced that NYCHA completed comprehensive roof replacement work at Queensbridge Houses – months ahead of schedule – bringing major capital upgrades and improved quality of life to more than 6,500 residents.

“Leaks in old roofs are the root cause of mold and other major problems our NYCHA residents face. So we did something no administration has ever done: put \$300 million of City money towards major repairs for our residents,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio. “Today, we continue to turn a corner and fulfill our commitment to make critical investments that help protect our residents and ensure public housing continues to improve. A focus on infrastructure, investment and increased access guide our ambitious vision for clean and connected public housing.”

NYCHA replaced aging roofs, repaired exterior brickwork, and replaced window sills on all 26 residential buildings at Queensbridge Houses, the largest public housing development in North America with over 3,000 units. The work, which represents an \$87 million investment, including \$60 million in funding from Mayor de Blasio and \$27 million in federal funding, ensures the buildings are weather-resistant, decreasing occurrence of leaks and further protecting the buildings' infrastructure.

Originally to be projected complete in July 2017, NYCHA completed this work months ahead of schedule thanks to a proactive and collaborative relationship between the contractor, NYCHA's construction management team and the Queensbridge Houses development staff.

NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye said, “As we work to preserve public housing for this generation and the next, we're strengthening our buildings with top-to-bottom upgrades – literally. Thanks to Mayor de Blasio's unprecedented investment in comprehensive roof replacement and façade repairs across NYCHA, Queensbridge residents will see a healthier, cleaner community, with fewer leaks and improved quality of life.”

Leaky roofs are the main cause of water and moisture entering a building, and the accumulated moisture contributes to mold, leaks and physical damage to the buildings' interior. NYCHA anticipates the new roofs and window sills and repaired brickwork will:

- Preserve physical structures by safeguarding them from incoming moisture, saving money on repairing moisture damage
- Eliminate core symptoms of mold in NYCHA buildings, protecting residents and improving their quality of life
- Reduce operating expenses by making buildings more efficient



The work at Queensbridge is one part of Mayor de Blasio's \$300-million investment in roof replacement and façade repairs at NYCHA developments citywide, which will place new roofs on more than 250 NYCHA buildings. NYCHA is supplementing that investment with an additional \$80 million in federal public housing capital funds.

Additional investments improving quality of life at Queensbridge Houses:

The Mayor's major investment in comprehensive roof replacements is just one of a series of large-scale investments being made in the Queensbridge Houses community to improve residents' quality of life for this generation and the next.

In July 2015, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the de Blasio Administration announced a \$10 million investment in free high-speed broadband service in five public housing developments citywide, including Queensbridge North and South. Additionally, Queensbridge is one of 15 NYCHA developments targeted by the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety, a comprehensive initiative to reduce crime and strengthen neighborhoods in the 15 New York City Housing Authority developments that accounted for 20 percent of all violent crime in the City's public housing in 2014. City investments in the Queensbridge Houses community include:

- \$10 million to provide free broadband at 5 NYCHA developments, including Queensbridge – installation underway
- \$13.6 million for installation of permanent, state-of-the-art safety lighting as part of the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety – installation underway
- \$14.7 million for installation of CCTV and higher-security Layered Access Control (LAC) Doors, which are operated by computer system and fob keys
- \$1.65 million for grounds improvements, including upgrades to recreational spaces
- \$850,000 for upgrades to the Community Center
- \$2.1 million to reactivate storefronts with additional workforce development programming

The Mayor's Action Plan for

Neighborhood safety also funds a series of initiatives aimed at increasing pathways to opportunity and creating more connected public housing communities, including mentoring and jobs programs for young adults and Community Center programming for seniors.

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney said, “I was proud to help bring \$27 million in Federal funding to Queensbridge Houses to aid in the necessary replacement of roofs on all 26 residential buildings. This project will have an immediate impact on the quality of life for over 6,500 residents. By replacing the roofs, the de Blasio Administration has ensured that there will be fewer leaks throughout Queensbridge, which will help to prevent mold and physical damage to the residences. It is wonderful that they were able to complete the work six months ahead of schedule, which will make for a much more comfortable winter. Investing in Queensbridge is incredibly important. We must all work together to ensure that these buildings continue to stand and provide homes for generations to come.”

State Senator Michael Gianaris said, “Queensbridge residents have waited too long for simple repairs that will create a healthier and safer environment. These new repairs will improve living conditions and better the quality of life for thousands of our neighbors. I look forward to continuing my work to preserve public housing for present and future generations.”

Assembly Member Catherine Nolan said, “I am thrilled that NYCHA has completed this essential project ahead of schedule. Repairing and improving these roofs was long overdue. Residents of Queensbridge Houses deserve to live in a safe, healthy environment. I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio for visiting Queensbridge and making this much-needed investment. Congratulations.”

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer said, “I'm thrilled that this \$87 million city investment in our community has been completed. Queensbridge residents deserve to live in high-quality, modern buildings. These new roofs and facades will prevent leaks and mold and strengthen and preserve the nation's largest public housing development for years to come.”

## House Passes Meng Legislation to Create Zip Code For Glendale, Queens



Legislation sponsored by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) that would provide Glendale, Queens with its own ZIP code was passed late this afternoon by the House of Representatives.

“For almost thirty years, the residents of Glendale have sought to obtain a ZIP code for their community and the passage of this legislation is a giant step in finally making that happen,” said Meng. “Residents of Glendale have experienced mail and service related problems due to sharing the 11385 ZIP code with the neighboring community of Ridgewood. These problems include medications that were spoiled or not received due to mail processing errors, delays in first responder services to residents in need of care, and inaccuracies with GPS devices. Glendale also deserves to be recognized as its own community. I applaud this vote and I thank my colleagues for supporting it.”

“I am delighted that the Glendale ZIP code issue is finally

coming to the attention of the House and the Postal Service,” said former Rep. Bob Turner (R-Queens) who was the last member of Congress to work on the issue before Meng. “Hopefully, this can get done in a quick and bipartisan manner.”

Meng's measure passed as part of a broad bipartisan postal bill (H.R. 6303) that establishes ZIP codes and renames post offices throughout the U.S. Her legislation was included in the bill after she urged the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to attach it to any postal-related legislation that the panel may pass by the end of 2016 (when the current session of Congress ends). The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the panel with jurisdiction over postal issues.

Meng's legislation would require the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP code for the area that encompasses Glendale, New York. The Congresswoman introduced the bill in February 2015. She also sponsored a version in 2014 during the last session of Congress.

H.R. 6303, which passed by voice vote at approximately 4 p.m., must still be approved by the Senate and signed into law by the President. Under the bill, the Postal Service must create a ZIP code for Glendale by September 30, 2017.

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## IT'S IN QUEENS

(Dec. 8 to Dec. 14)

Can Ebenezer Scrooge be at two local theaters at the same time? Find out this week while also enjoying great food, countless holiday concerts, a historic house tour, James Baldwin, W.C. Fields, and Martin Scorsese. Here's the rundown.

Dec. 8, India Kaleidoscope Film Festival, Dec. 11. Seven Indian movies that are making their U.S. or North American premieres and one special presentation of a classic Indian motion picture. Directors are in person for most screenings. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2gUztln>.

Dec. 8, Kanoa Mendenhall Trio, 8 pm. Born in Japan and raised in California, Mendenhall has been playing regular jazz gigs in San Francisco since she was age 13. She's currently enrolled in the Columbia-Julliard Exchange. Free (\$10 suggested donation). Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave., <http://bit.ly/2g3gzad>.

Dec. 9, A Christmas Carol, Dec. 22. Titan Theatre Company takes the audience to Victorian England, where Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by spirits from the past, present, and future. \$18 (but get discount with code ITSIN-QUEENS16). Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2h6ZBc4>.

Dec. 9, Holiday Jubilee, 6 pm. Hear holiday carols and works by 18th century composers performed by Filigree Baroque, an all-female group with flute, cello, and harpsichord. Free. \$25 online/\$30 at the door. King Manor, 153rd Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, <http://bit.ly/2gYxsoU>.

Dec. 9, Using Social Media to Engage in STEM, 5:30 pm. Explore how to communicate science, technology, engineering, and math in innovative ways. Free for high school and college students. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona, <http://bit.ly/2g36mwA>.

Dec. 9, A Christmas Carol, 7 pm. The North Country Center for the Arts National Touring Company presents the classic Charles Dickens tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. \$35-\$40. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2h6MbNk>.

Dec. 9-10, Take Root with Borne Dance Company, 8 pm. This dance experience explores the differences and similarities between humans and why specific groups are targeted for their differences. \$15. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2d3hNSz>.

Dec. 10, Great Northeast Cheese Fest, 6 pm. More than 75 artisanal cheeses from around the region along with dishes from top NYC chefs, including local stars Hugue Dufour (M. Wells Steakhouse) and Alfonso Zhicay (Casa del Chef Bistro). Plus, Queens-

based cheese expert Tia Keenan, who wrote The Art of The Cheese Plate: Pairings, Recipes, Style, Attitude. \$60. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2gHOVDZ>.

Dec. 10, Let It Snow, 3 pm. The Astoria Symphony Orchestra takes the audience on a holiday ride with music, ballet dancers, singers, storytellers, and a high-profile guest. LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, 31-10 Thomson Ave., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2guaiWe>. Dec. 10, 76th Annual Queens College Winter Concert, 8 pm. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and works by Brahms. \$20. Colden Auditorium, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2h7kTX3>.

Dec. 10, Concert of Light, 3 pm. An annual concert with holiday music by the Corona Children's Orchestra and the Corona Youth Orchestra, as well as a special side-by-side performance of Antonin Dvořák's New World Symphony. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2gZP0Dp>.

Dec. 10, W.C. Fields Fest, 1:30 pm. From 1924 through 1928, Fields appeared in 10 features filmed at Paramount's Astoria facility. In this illustrated talk, author and lecturer Trav S.D. informs on this lesser known stretch of his career and shows how his silent work presaged his better known talks. \$5. Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, LIC, <http://bit.ly/2h7Cle9>.

Dec. 10, Winter Wildlife Viewing, 9 am. A walking tour of Willow Lake with an Urban Park Ranger. Free. Meet at Albert Mauro Playground, Park Drive East and 73rd Avenue Terrace, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://on.nyc.gov/2gRltWj>.

Dec. 11, Twenty-Ninth Annual Holiday Historic House Tour, 1 pm. Walk or take a shuttle to Louis Armstrong House Museum; Bowne House; Flushing Town Hall; Friends Quaker Meeting; Kingsland Homestead; Lewis H. Latimer House Museum; and Voelker Orth House. All seven landmarks will be decorated as they were during their first holiday seasons. Flushing and Corona, <http://bit.ly/2g0HOqW>.

Dec. 11, Martin Scorsese, through April 23, 2017. This exhibition includes material from Scorsese's key films, such as costumes, props, storyboards, set photographs, and screenplays. Plus, objects from his childhood and projections of scenes from his work. \$15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2gZckdD>.

Dec. 11, Q100, 6:30 pm. Opening night for Salvador Espinosa's photo exhibit on the bus route that takes prisoners to Rikers Island. His work explores mass incarceration and its effects. Poet Miles Hodges does a special performance. Free. QNS Collective, 36-27 36th St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2gIOuJx>.

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Dec. 11, Impermanent Landscape, 3 pm. A dance performance in the round by Valerie Green/Dance Entropy that draws inspiration from the ideas of cubism, perspective, perception, and impermanence. Free. Dorsky Gallery, 11-03 45th Ave., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2guQZMm>.

Dec. 11, Forest Hills Christmas Concert, 4 pm. The Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church joins the Oratorio Society of Queens for this annual gig. The first half includes highlights from the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. The second half boasts seasonal songs such as "Sleigh Ride." \$30/\$10 for children 12 and under. OLQM Church, 110-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, <http://bit.ly/2hb4kO3>.

Dec. 11, Fertile Ground, 7 pm. This monthly new works showcase features five or six choreographers and a post-performance discussion with wine and cheese. \$12. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2cLWk1d>.

Dec. 12, Queens Dinner Club, 7:30 pm. Open to all, this club meets once a month at different restaurants around the borough to enjoy multi-course meals at discounted prices. The next outing goes for the hearty, spicy flavors of Tibet with Chef Chime Tendha. \$45. Phayul, 89-17 Northern Blvd., 2nd Fl., Jackson Heights, <http://bit.ly/2gIsRJj>.

Dec. 13, Community Conversation on James Baldwin, 7 pm. This new reading series organizes conversations about race in the United States through Baldwin's writings. Free. Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, LIC, <http://bit.ly/2gvgfCq>.

Dec. 14, Meet Beethoven, 7:30 pm. The Queens College Chamber Orchestra performs portions of Beethoven's Fifth and Sixth Symphonies. Beethoven premiered both during the same Vienna concert on Dec. 22, 1808. LeFrak Concert Hall, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2g1jllp>.

Continuing from last week: Green Holiday Sale, through Dec. 11. Great deals on such items as books, toys, jewelry, and accessories. Some items are up to 50 percent off. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2ckMgPB>.

Pushing the Envelope: A Decade of Documentary at the Cinema Eye Honors, through Dec. 23. This series screens impactful documentaries. Leviathan (Dec. 10, 4 pm) is set aboard a fishing vessel that navigates the waves off New England—the very waters that inspired Herman Melville to write Moby Dick. It captures the harsh, unforgiving world of the fishermen. The Autobiography of Nicolae Ceausescu (Dec. 10, 6:30 pm) was edited from thousands of hours of footage on the rise and fall of the socialist Romanian

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## Tim Tebow Thanks NYPD in Visit to Queens Precinct

Former NFL quarterback and aspiring New York Met pro baseball player Tim Tebow visited NYPD 105th precinct in Queens recently to show his appreciation for police officers and thank them for their service.

The former football player — who recently signed a minor-league contract with the Mets and is currently an outfielder for the Scottsdale Scorpions came to New York to promote his new memoir “Shaken” and stopped by the 105th Precinct in Queens Village.

“Sometimes it can be a thankless job, but we just wanted to take this time to say thank you,” he said during his visit, which he made with Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon.

The 105th Precinct was the home base of Detective Brian Moore, who was 25 when he was shot to death last year by an ex-con



while in the line of duty.

The Mets honored Moore at Citi Field last May during a game that he was supposed to attend. Since then, the team has maintained a close relationship with the precinct, the NYPD wrote on

its website.

“It’s great to be able to come in here and try to encourage them,” Tebow said. “But, at the same time, they’re such an encouragement to me with just what they do every single day.”

## Schumer Announces Bi-Partisan ‘Bots Act’ Passed Senate

**Senator Urges House To Act; Law Finally Cracks Down On Cyber Scalpers Who Scoop Up Thousands Of Popular Broadway & Concert Tickets & Then Sell Them At Outrageous Prices**

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer announced Senate passage of the “BOTS Act,” federal legislation that would crackdown on cyber scalpers using bots to scoop up thousands of popular Broadway, theater and concert tickets to resell on other websites at outrageous prices. Earlier this year, Schumer teamed up with award-winning composer, lyricist, performer and Hamilton creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, to highlight the need for this legislation. Schumer said that, most recently, cyber scalpers have been using online computer programs, known as “bots,” to purchase Hamilton tickets and reselling them anywhere between \$500 to upwards of \$2,000/ticket, up from approximately \$189/ticket. Schumer’s legislation would help fix the broken system of ticket purchasing. Now that the bill has passed the Senate, Schumer is calling on the House of Representatives to act before the end of this year.

“No ifs ands or bots about it, now that the ‘BOTS Act’ has passed the Senate, it’s up to the House to sweep the stage of bots so that actual fans can enjoy Hamilton, other hit Broadway shows and major concerts,” said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. “These bots have gotten completely out of control and their dominance in the market is denying countless fans access to shows and concerts and driving prices through the roof. This legislation will finally crack down on online hackers and scalpers that use ‘bots’ to purchase thousands of tickets in a matter of milli-seconds, and then sell them at outrageously-inflated prices.”

Schumer continued, “By eliminating ‘bots’ and slapping hackers with a hefty fine, we can better ensure those who want to attend shows in the future will not have to pay outrageous, unfair prices. I hope that the House will pass this legislation before the end of the year so that Broadway and concertgoers in New York and across the country have equal access to these tickets.”

“The Broadway League applauds Senator Schumer’s leadership and for making the ‘BOTS Act’ happen in such a timely manner. Theatergoers from around the world are being defrauded by excessive mark-ups on tickets to their favorite shows, and we are pleased this legislation will give law enforcement and the Broadway community the ability to take steps to prevent this situation from affecting our patrons. Broadway is an iconic industry that entertains millions, supports our nation’s cultural heritage and generates billions of dollars for America’s economy. We are incredibly grateful to Senator Schumer for his continuous support,” said Charlotte St. Martin, President of the Broadway League.

According to the New York Times, between 2012 and 2014, just three scalpers bought more than 140,000 tickets to New York shows using bots. Scalpers using bots have purchased more than 20,000 tickets to Hamilton. According to the New York Times, scalpers earned more than \$15.5 million from the 100 Hamilton performances before Lin-Manuel Miranda’s final performance. Schumer said cyber scalpers are making millions of dollars each year using bots to rip off fans, while also keeping millions of dollars in ticket revenue away from artists and performers and all those work on these live productions.

Schumer explained that “bots” are sophisticated computer programs often used by nefarious scalpers and brokers that plague the online sale of concert tickets. According to a 2013 New York Times report, while bots were once merely a nuisance to the live music industry, they have now become arguably its most reviled foe, as they are able to snatch up popular tickets within a matter of seconds, leaving fans with no choice but to buy tickets through derivative sites at much higher prices. Schumer said this practice leaves frustrated fans ticket-less

and drives a resultant secondary ticket sale market, where tickets are sold at astronomical prices that most fans cannot afford.

In New York alone, hundreds of thousands of tickets are purchased any given day by scalpers using bots. For instance, at a U2 concert at Madison Square Garden, one scalper used a bot to buy more than one thousands tickets in the first minute after tickets went on sale, even though there was a four-ticket per fan limit. Between 2012 and 2014, just three scalpers bought more than 140,000 tickets to New York shows using bots. According to Ticketmaster, an estimated 60 percent of the most desirable tickets available for sale are purchased by bots.

Schumer said there is no fair way for a consumer to purchase a ticket online if they have to compete with bots that are capable of navigating through online ticket websites and purchasing tickets in the matter of seconds, jamming up the online ticketing system, and thereby leaving an unfair playing field for fans looking to purchase seats to an event or concert at the face value price.

Schumer’s legislation would prohibit the unfair and deceptive act of using mechanisms such as bots in order to scoop up tickets before consumers are given a fair chance to buy them. Schumer said this legislation would help ensure consumers are given equitable access to tickets for events in the future and are not precluded from purchasing tickets at a fair price. Now that the bill has passed the Senate, Schumer is pushing the House of Representatives to pass the Better On-line Ticket Sales Act of 2016, or the BOTS Act, in order to increase fairness for consumers in the ticket-purchasing industry.

Artists, musicians, theater owners and concert promoters alike have led the charge against the bots used by online hackers and scalpers in an attempt to improve the ticket-buying experience for customers and guarantee increased transparency for fans.

## Queens Sports

### Tech Nips Queens in Thriller

By Robert Elkin

In sports, whether it be in baseball, basketball, hockey or football, there are many rivalries that draw capacity and cheering crowds. Some rivalries compete in the same league and are fighting to make the playoffs, whether it be Yankees-Mets, Army-Navy, Fordham-Manhattan, or Knicks-Nets. They want to get into a post season tournament, or advance further than they have done in regular season competition.

Here we talk about the teams in the same league and are battling for a high seeded position in the conference playoffs with the winner advancing still further for a spot in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Queens and New York Tech are battling to accomplish to do the same in the East Coast Basketball Conference. In fact, these colleges are located no too far from each other.

These players and teams don’t usually draw that many spectators, for they are not the cream of the crop, meaning Division I players and teams. For the most part, maybe with a few exceptions, they do not even draw pro scouts to the games.

One can never tell!

On a recent Saturday afternoon, a near capacity crowd, estimated at 150 at Tech’s gymnasium in Nassau County, the hosts entertained Queens College. The players from both teams put on a good show on both ends of the court in front of parents of both team members, students of both colleges and

officials of all kinds from each of the competing colleges.

Tech emerged victorious over Queens, 83-80, in a game that went down to the end. Starter Tyree White from Queens looked good with his shooting. The 6-4 White can play either forward or guard positions.

White came to the Flushing based college from Hostos Community College. He is having a decent season at Queens and is playing under his third head coach at Queens.

So far so good, as the Knights, under the coaching of Matt Collier and the latter’s competent staff of assistant coaches, are trying to surprise some of the teams in the league and move up in the standings.

However, he can’t do it all alone as he has to rely on his teammates as well.

A senior and a very good shooter, White went seven for eight from the field, grabbed eight rebounds, and overall led the scorers with 20 points in 23 minutes.

“Our players tried to step ‘it’ up,” said Collier. “We competed very hard (in the double round robin league).”

St. Thomas could be the team to beat but it still could be anyone’s. Every team in the league is competitive.

A new coach is also at New York Tech. Kevin Hamilton, who knows the area very well, is a former coach at Holy Cross High School of the Catholic High schools system. His son Kieran Hamilton scored 18 points for New York Tech.

### The CYO 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team from St. Andrew Avellino Academy



The CYO 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team from St. Andrew Avellino Academy recently (Dec. 5) attended a game in Lou Carnesecca Hall at St. John’s University where they played during halftime between St. John’s and Cal State Northridge. (St. John’s won.) The Bantams

had a wonderful time scoring many baskets including several from “down town” (3 pointers)! The century old St. Andrew’s parish has an outstanding history of sports accomplishments. Here are the smiling boys with Coach Phil McBride and the St. John’s mascot “Red Storm”.



## Blue Ribbon Panel Launches Dialogue on Business Code of Conduct

The Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce with elected officials, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders launched a “blue ribbon panel” today to develop a strategy for raising standards in our business community. The panel, which was chaired by Simon Gerson, President of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, will advise the Chamber on developing principles and mechanisms to help guide the future conduct of the Flushing business community.

“We are extremely pleased to be able to convene a timely discussion of small business ethics and government accountability,” stated Simon Gerson, President of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce. “The vast majority of business owners in our neighborhood work hard to run their businesses according to rules and serve their customers with integrity. We want to show that the business community is an important part of our social fabric and that we are committed to making Flushing a better place for everyone.”

At today’s panel, which took place at historic Flushing Town Hall, community leaders and business owners spoke out about the need to raise business standards.

“Flushing has a bustling business community, but we must always put our best foot forward and make our businesses more welcoming and user-friendly,” stated Senator Toby Ann Stavisky. “The blue ribbon panel is a perfect way for business owners, elected officials and residents to come together and create an even better business environment.”

“Flushing has a thriving and highly competitive business community that we must be sure is not left behind by our rapidly evolving economic climate,” stated Councilman Peter Koo. “By working together with the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, we seek to support and uplift our local

businesses. The needs of our businesses are varied and in constant flux, but they often contain similar threads, which is why it is important that we come together to discuss how to raise standards across the board right here in Flushing.”

“Property owners have great responsibility to improve, maintain, and protect the appearance of their businesses and our shared environment,” stated Peter Tu, Executive Director of the Flushing Chinese Business Association.

By launching a dialogue on business standards, the Flushing Chamber seeks to proactively engage and change the behavior of our community on a number of important issues: quality of products and services, how customers are treated, worker rights, and corporate responsibility to the surrounding community and environment.

“One of the motivations for creating our Chamber was to address the need for better business practices in our community,” stated John Choe, executive Director of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce. “We should not wait for the next business scandal to happen before taking action - whether it is a restaurant or an entire industry caught for not paying its workers fairly - but find ways to educate our business community and work with government to increase compliance with existing laws. And if those laws no longer make sense, work with our elected officials to change them.”

Lourdes Villanueva Hartrick from Douglas Elliman Real Estate and Carol Lee Whiting from the Concerned African-Americans of Flushing both expressed concerns about the lack of English language signage and difficulties communicating with store managers and workers in Flushing.

The Chamber is working with Monroe College and the Queens Library to promote English lan-

guage programs for the business community as well as at new sites such as the greenmarket at Maple Playground. The Chamber is also developing marketing programs to address the issue of storefront signage and cross-cultural communication in Flushing.

“Give and take is an important concept,” stated Alice Lee of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield. “Cross-cultural understanding is very important and we are working to educate people in the community through initiatives such as the new greenmarket.”

“The next step is to figure out how to enable small businesses to implement these ideas and put these principles in action,” stated Mike Wang of Politan Real Estate. “In Flushing, there is a lack of best practices and business models that create an incentive for prioritizing the customer experience - especially in a competitive environment where cost-cutting is the norm. There is a need to shift our business culture.”

Other ideas that came out of today’s panel include: developing policies and protocols for small business owners who want to be inclusive and support the larger community; creating a manual and training program on how managers and workers can treat customers with dignity and respect; and, creating more resources for businesses interested in hiring English-speaking workers and displaying English language marketing materials.

“The Chamber has already developed a member decal to identify which businesses in our community have the highest standards,” stated John Choe, Executive Director of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce. “We will be using these decals and other marketing tools to heavily promote the best in our business community - and asking local residents and customers to support these businesses as well.”

## It's in Queens

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leader and the traumatized nation he left after his execution in 1989. The Act of Killing (Dec. 11, 3 pm) exposes a contemporary Indonesian society formed from a brutal, harrowing, and still unexamined civil war. It’s a country where death squad leaders are celebrated as heroes. The Look of Silence (Dec. 11, 6:30 pm) shows the killing fields of the 1965 Indonesian genocide and informs on the legacy of survivors. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria’s Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2eN1BrV>.

Festival An Koulè, until Dec. 31. Twenty established and emerging Haitian artists — many of them Queens locals — display their works at the Cambria Heights, Rochdale Village, St. Albans, and South Hollis libraries, <http://bit.ly/2fWtiwC>.

GingerBread Lane, until Jan. 15, 2017. A 500-square-foot mini-metropolis with more than 1,000 houses, bridges, stores, trees, trains, and other structures made of gingerbread, royal icing, and candy. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona, <http://bit.ly/2eFMERa>.

The “It’s In Queens” column is produced by the Queens Tourism Council with the hope that readers will enjoy the borough’s wonderful attractions. More info at [www.itsinqueens.com](http://www.itsinqueens.com).

## Avoid Holiday Gift Snafus...

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They also offer long-lasting power and are designed to prevent damaging leaks, so gifts stay fun longer. More information can be found at [energizer.com](http://energizer.com).

Even the best holiday gifts can lose their luster without batteries to operate them. Ensure the holidays end on a high note by remembering the batteries with your gifts this year. (StatePoint)

## Local “Angels” Deliver Holiday Cheer to Seniors

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ar cookies to gingerbread houses. Visiting Angels caregivers always make sure the ingredients meet the requirements of the senior’s diet.

• **Ornaments:** A great way to celebrate the season is by creating a special trinket to put on a Christmas tree or even a bedside table. Angels can help design something unique with the senior. Nothing is too big or too small and the activity is catered to the senior’s abilities and needs. Putting up small decorations helps a senior feel “plugged in” to the holiday.

• **Gift card for a day “out on the town”:** Getting out is a real treat for many seniors. Many spend every waking moment of the day inside their homes. Angels can take seniors out holiday shopping, to a movie, on a coffee date or even for a steak dinner.

• **Technology to connect with loved ones:** Angels can help either Grandma or Grandpa use a smartphone, tablet or computer to either Skype, Facetime or even Facebook with grandkids who live hundreds of miles away and cannot visit this year.

“With our Holiday Cheer program, we are committed to spreading the spirit of giving. Our caregivers spend dozens of hours a week with our clients. They help seniors bathe, get dressed, plan and prepare meals, even run errands.

Our angels become like family, they know how to make seniors feel loved throughout the holiday season, they help fill a void when the senior’s family cannot make it home for the holiday,” says Meigs.

**Holiday Angels Checklist:**

- Decorate home for the holiday.
- Help seniors address and mail out holiday cards to friends and family.
- Run holiday errands: buy groceries, prepare meals, shop for and wrap gifts.

We’re happy to set up interviews with local caregivers/senior care experts and possibly seniors. This is a great story for your holiday coverage and is evergreen through the New Year.

**ABOUT VISITING ANGELS:**

Visiting Angels began franchising in 1998 in Philadelphia, PA area. Today, Visiting Angels has more than 500 private duty agencies throughout the United States. Visiting Angels agencies employ only experienced caregivers and conduct the most comprehensive background screenings to ensure that their caregivers meet or exceed the company’s high standards. For companion care, Alzheimer’s care, dementia care and the country’s best palliative care program, make Visiting Angels your choice in senior home care. For more information on Visiting Angels or to find a location near you, please visit [www.visitingangels.com](http://www.visitingangels.com).

## New Ways to Create Ambiance at Your Holiday Party

Hosting a party this yuletide? These days, there are new and innovative ways to set the tone for festive holiday cheer.

**High-Tech Lighting** - Holiday decorations aren’t what they used to be. Now you can control your decorative lighting with app-enabled technology, controlling color combinations, speed and direction of light patterns, even connecting your light scheme to music right from your phone or computer.

**DJ Apps** - When you are rushing around making sure everyone is fed and having a good time, you likely don’t have time to actively curate your party’s music selection.

Consider downloading a DJ app in advance of your party, which can draw from your existing playlists, automatically make well-informed selections as to what to play next based on matching beats, and even mix the transitions for you.

This can mean more attention paid to guests and less focus on your playlist.

**Sing-a-Long** - Want to make your own music? Even with limited space, you can make caroling and holiday sing-a-longs at your party better with an electronic keyboard that provides the same key weight and resistance of an actual grand piano. For example, Casio’s CGP-700 Compact Grand Piano features an 88-note scaled hammer action keyboard with simulated ebony and ivory textured keys. Whether you stick with classic selections or prefer newer holiday hits, now you can do so accompanied by the sounds of high-quality instrumentation ideal for home use.

Hosting is never simple. But now you can let technology do some of the heavy lifting -- from music to imagery -- to create the perfect ambiance at your holiday gatherings. (StatePoint)

## Vice Chair Crowley Endorses NYS Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi’s Home Stability Support Initiative to Combat Homelessness

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, released the following statement in support of NYS Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi’s Home Stability Support (HSS) initiative to address New York’s growing homeless crisis:

“The most effective way to combat homelessness in our city is to prevent New Yorkers from becoming homeless in the first place.

At a time when so many of our communities are rent-burdened and struggling to make ends meet, Home Stability Support presents a real opportunity to provide the assistance vulnerable families need to stay in their homes.

“As a member of Congress, I have consistently supported increased funding for federal housing assistance programs like section 8, public housing, and the continued creation

and maintenance of affordable housing stock. Now, I join the growing coalition of elected officials and advocates who view Home Stability Support as a sensible proposal that will not only help reverse the trend of homelessness in our city but also provide significant savings for taxpayers.

“Too many New Yorkers are depending on us to act and I applaud Assemblyman Hevesi for his leadership on finding solutions to

this crisis by taking steps to strike at the root of the problem.”

HSS would be a new statewide rent supplement for families and individuals who are eligible for public assistance benefits and who are facing eviction, homelessness, or loss of housing due to domestic violence or hazardous living conditions. HSS will be 100% federally and state-funded, and will replace all existing optional rent supplements.



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B92 ASSOCIATES LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/7/16. 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, 359 Winding Hill Rd., Montgomery, NY 12549. General purpose. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2016

MASPETH KOSHER FOOD, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/16/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 18 E 41st St 3rd Fl New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

Notice of Formation of MEDIQUINT GROUP, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 93-20 Roosevelt Ave., Ste. 2A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2016

Notice of Formation of Energy Healing by Susie LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 8719 Dalny Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Intelligent Brand Extension, LLC - Attn: Tatiana Whytelord, 1115 Broadway, 11th Fl., Ste. 1116, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/11/2016

Notice of Formation of Lensbetter LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 8/30/16. 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 Howard Smolen, 360 Great Neck Rd., Great Neck, NY 11021, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2016

Onderdonk 375, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/21/16. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 375 Onderdonk Ave Ridgewood, NY 11385 General Purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

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Notice of Formation of 28-43 Steinway, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/12/15. Office location: Queens County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 120-11 Riverside Ct., #9A, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. Principal business location: 28-43 Steinway St., Long Island City, NY 11103. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

Notice of Formation of Summer Zhang Medical PLLC. Articles of org. filed with the Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) 10/25/16. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against THE LLC to: The LLC, 42-11 Parson Blvd. Ste 48, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TRIBECA BARBER & BEAUTY SCHOOL, LLC. Art. of org. filed with Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 07/26/2016. Off. loc. in Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC 81-25 190th Street, Hollis, NY 11423. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Operate a licensed private career school 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

Notice of Formation of UPSTATE LAND STEWARDS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 09/27/2016. Off. loc. in Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

ADAPTIVE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/18/2016. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Albert Wai Kit Chan Law Offices of Albert Wai Kit Chan, PLLC, 141-07, 20th Ave., World Plaza, Ste 604, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff AGAINST CARMELA BRAVO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 04, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on November 04, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 37-26 101ST STREET, CORONA, NY 11368. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1766, LOT 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$757,967.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 28866/09. Gerald Chiariello II Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 10/6, 13, 20& 27/ 2016

Notice of Qualification of CROSSWALK VENTURES, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/03/16. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/31/16. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/17,24,12/1,8,15&22/2016

Notice of Formation of JAKSTAT TUTORS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/21/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 83-51 266th Street, Glen Oaks, New York 11004. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2016

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Rothenberg Industries, LLC. art. of org. filed with Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 05/16/16. Off. loc. in Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o the LLC c/o US Corp. Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2016

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff -against- JOSEPHINE ARMSTRONG, GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, SEAN DAVID Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated DECEMBER 17, 2007 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, IN COURTROOM #25 on December 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM premises known as 115 20 134TH STREET, SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420-2214. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of QUEENS, City and State of New York. Block 11676 Lot 15 Approximate amount of lien \$525,033.22 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 15474/07 NORA CONSTANCE MARINO, ESQ. STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 14, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 68940 11/17,24,12/1&8/2016

INTERGROUP BUSINESS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/9/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 41-44 47th St Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

2412 27TH STREET LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 24-12 27th Street, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Lee & Kwok International Trading, LLC. Filed 9/29/16. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4225 Elbertson St, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: General. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

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Notice of Formation of JDU PROPERTIES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/07/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 23-37 31st Road, Unit 2A, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of PINE STREET VENTURES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, Roger Pine, 1-50 50th Ave., Apt. 2509, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

RIDGEWOOD REALTY 18, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Robert Moore, 254 Beach 138th Street, Belle Harbor, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2016

Notice of Formation of PENTACORE PARTNERS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 93-20 Roosevelt Ave., Ste. 2A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2016

AngeLauren LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/2/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 58-18 64th St., Maspeth, NY 11378, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2016

5306 CHEN PROPERTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/7/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jin Xia Chen 53-06 208th St Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

G2 Training LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/22/16. 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, 7524 Furmanville Ave., Middle Village, NY 11379. General purpose. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

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Notice of formation of Veterans Billeting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 3, 2016. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

COZY MANAGEMENT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/5/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to C/O Jimmy Ping Chen 1367 209th St Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of formation of QUEENS PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/2016 Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC. SSNY shall mail process to 20720 JORDAN DR FL 2 BAYSIDE, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful activities. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

PORT RICHMOND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/18/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Tejpal Sandhu 238 Causeway Lawrence, NY 11559. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Notice of Formation of NextGear MotorSports, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2016. 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 LLC, 633 East 87 Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Notice of Formation of 73-14 Yellowstone LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/2/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 73-26 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017



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## St. Leos Collecting 150 Turkeys For The Needy




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## Assemblywoman Nolan Joined the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, Councilmember Van Bramer, Community Leaders and Residents at Lighting Holiday At Sabba Park

Pictured at the Tree lighting at Sabba Park are from (L to R): Denise Keenan-Smith, Chairwoman, Queens Community Board 2, Judy Zangwill, Executive Director, Sunnyside Community Services, Father Brian Dowd, Pastor, Queen of Angels Church, Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, Queens Community Board 2, Joseph Conley, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Manny Gomez, President, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, NYC Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, Maria Konecko, Rigoberto Cardoso, Treasurer, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce.





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