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A new initiative that aims to break the cycle of infant homelessness in New York City by delivering support to pregnant New Yorkers was announced by New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Molly Wasow Park. Officially launched on September 15, 2025, the pilot program, "Creating Real Impact at Birth" (CRIB), is an innovative DSS program that will connect and prioritize pregnant New Yorkers applying for shelter with housing vouchers to put them on a path toward permanent housing and stability.

Additionally, the launch of "NYC Baby Boxes," a new program to welcome the newest New Yorkers and support New York City families by reducing early financial stress for new parents. Families of newborns at four NYC Health + Hospital locations will be provided with boxes that contain a collection of postpartum and newborn supplies, including diapers and wipes, clothing, games, and several resource guides on what to expect after giving birth.

"Put simply: No child should ever be born in a shelter. We must do everything we can to stop the cycle of poverty and housing instability before it ever begins by ensuring mothers and babies do not go to a shelter after leaving the hospital and that they have the resources they need to thrive," said Mayor Adams. "The 'CRIB' program is yet another example of how our administration is cutting the bureaucracy that often prevents people from getting the government services they need while also making New York City more affordable for needy families. We are proud to be launching this program, and also delivering 'NYC Baby Boxes' to approximately 7,000 families across our public hospital system. These interventions will help our most vulnerable New Yorkers find the affordable housing they need to live stable, thriving lives and further our mission of making our city the best place to raise a family."

#### **CRIB Program**

Through the pilot program, DSS will identify more than 300 pregnant New Yorkers who are applying for shelter and assign them to a housing subsidy that will allow them to more quickly move into stable homes before their children are born. The program is funded through an \$8.5 million investment in DSS' Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The pilot is projected to last at least 15 months, with the first three months focused on enrollment.

Once eligible households have been identified, participants will immediately be assigned to a housing support path — either the rental assistance supplement City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) or Pathway Home. CityFHEPS is the largest city-funded rental assistance program in the nation and allows individuals and families to rent apartments at competitive market-rate rents based on the federal Section 8 payment standards. Pathway Home is a program that enables families and individuals to quickly move out of shelter by moving in with friends or family members and provides monthly payments to host families for up to 12 months.

#### **NYC Baby Boxes**

The boxes contain a collection of postpartum and newborn supplies, including diapers and wipes, a "NYC Loves Me" onesie and cap, footie pajamas, a baby carrier, a baby thermometer, baby nail clippers, a nasal aspirator, burp cloths, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, a Goodnight Moon board book, postpartum pads, nipple cream, and a New York City baby-themed diaper bag.

Additionally, the box includes a "Mother and New Baby Health Guide" with helpful information about what to expect after childbirth and when to contact a doctor. A "NYC New Family

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

It was announced that a new Queens Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse is being built in Astoria with \$5 million in State funding per Governor Kathy Hochul. The facility will be the largest in the State of New York and aims to serve 16,000 young people each year, more than seven times the current level. The investment builds on a previous \$3 million in State funding from Empire State Development, and is part of Governor Hochul's commitment to getting kids offline and providing them with resources to further their development.

"I'll never stop fighting to help our kids succeed and build more of the housing our communities need," Governor Hochul said. "This investment will ensure that the Boys & Girls Club can expand its services for tens of thousands of Queens families — and it's part of my ongoing work to deliver a brighter future for families all across New York."

The Clubhouse will include an athletic area, swimming pool, planetarium and non-profit incubator spaces, among other resources, and is part of a 14-story, \$300 million project that includes more than 200 affordable housing units, including units to serve young adults and at-risk homeless youth, retail space and a charter school. With Governor Hochul's investment, construction is anticipated to commence in April 2026 for an opening date in 2028.

Established in 1955, the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens (VBGCQ) is a nonprofit organization that inspires children to discover their passions and cultivate their futures through a diverse array of youth development programs.



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## HOW TO CONVINCE SOMEONE TO GET HELP FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

by Stan Popovich

There are many reasons why some people are reluctant to get help for their mental health or addiction issues. In addition, many people are not sure what to do when encouraging someone to get the help they need for their mental health. As a result, here are seven suggestions on how to convince a person struggling to get some assistance.

- 1. **Talk to the person instead of talking at them**: Nobody wants to be lectured or yelled at. The person who is struggling is scared and they need help in overcoming their fears and resistance to getting some guidance. Treat others the way you would want to be treated if the roles were reversed.
- 2. **Find out why the person won't get help**: Ask the individual who is struggling the reasons why they are reluctant to get some assistance. Although most people may not admit it, a sense of fear of the unknown and/or some kind of frustration are usually the main factors. It might take a few tries, however, try to find out what is stopping your friend from getting treatment.
- 3. Address the reasons why the individual won't get help: Once you get the reasons why he or she won't get some help, the next step is to find the ways to address those factors that are preventing the individual from getting assistance. Addressing one's fears and concerns may convince them to take some action that will get their life back on track.
- 4. **Get some advice from a professional**: Talk to your doctor or a mental health counselor for recommendations on how you can help someone who is struggling. A medical professional in the mental health field will be able to give you some ideas and options that you can use to help convince someone you know to get some help.
- 5. **Find someone who understands**: Try to find someone who used to struggle with their mental health for their advice. For example, a person who used drugs and alcohol in the past could use their past experiences and insights to convince the individual to seek treatment. A person who used to struggle with addiction or their mental health may be better able to relate to the person who is struggling.
- 6. **Get them to attend a support group**: Another way to convince someone to get help is to get them to go to a mental health support group. This may or may not work depending on the individual, but it is still worth a try. A person who goes to a support group can at least listen to those who are also struggling, which may convince the person to get some assistance.
- 7. **Be persistent**: Continue to be persistent with your loved ones in getting them the help they need. Keep in contact with your doctor and any mental health counselor on your progress. If things do not improve, continue to find other alternatives in getting the person some help.



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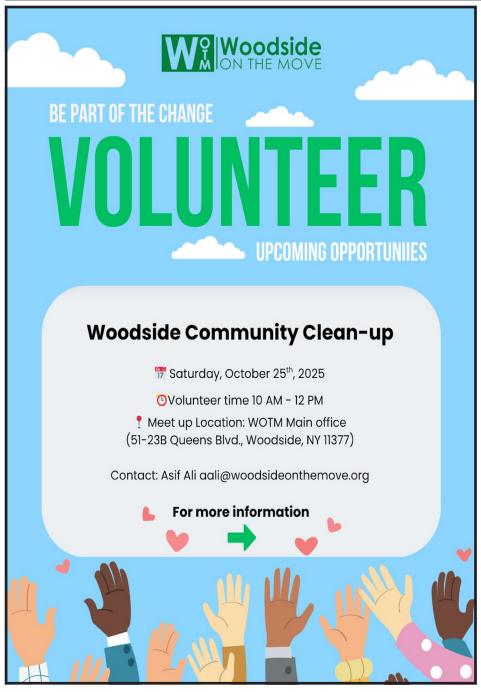
#### **MY AVERAGE FACE**

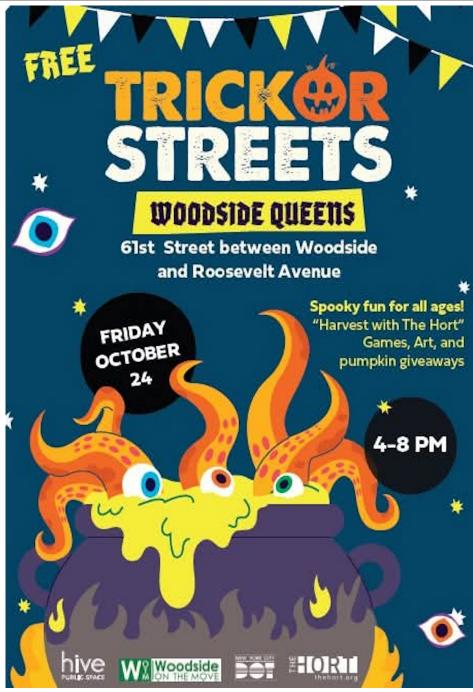
by Rix Quinn

Have you ever been told you look like somebody famous? A couple years ago, several friends and I sat around a lunch table, and tried to judge who our companions resembled. My friend Jim said, "Quinn, you just have a generic face. "That's not an insult," he added. "You look like somebody everybody knows, but whose name they can't remember." Jim was right. As I surveyed our group, I quickly identified people who looked sort of like presidents, or movie stars, or astronauts, or comedians. But I look like the guy you see at the mall, but you can't remember which store I work for. Or I resemble a teacher you liked in high school, or somebody you see downtown in the coffee shop.

Sometimes I'm grateful for my average face. When I was in my 20s, it was a real money-saver. How? In my town are two seminaries, where folks train to be ministers. I've had many jobs in my life, but preacher is definitely not one. However, for a few years, one restaurant recognized me as a young, bright seminarian. Whenever I went there, they greeted me warmly, and asked how I was doing in my studies. I told the cashiers they had me mixed up with an actual preacher, but they didn't believe me. They frequently gave me free soft drinks, or a complimentary meal. I have wondered whatever happened to that young preacher who looked like me. Did he eat free as often as I did? I often took my first dates to that generous restaurant. If that date didn't like me, I wouldn't have spent much money on her.

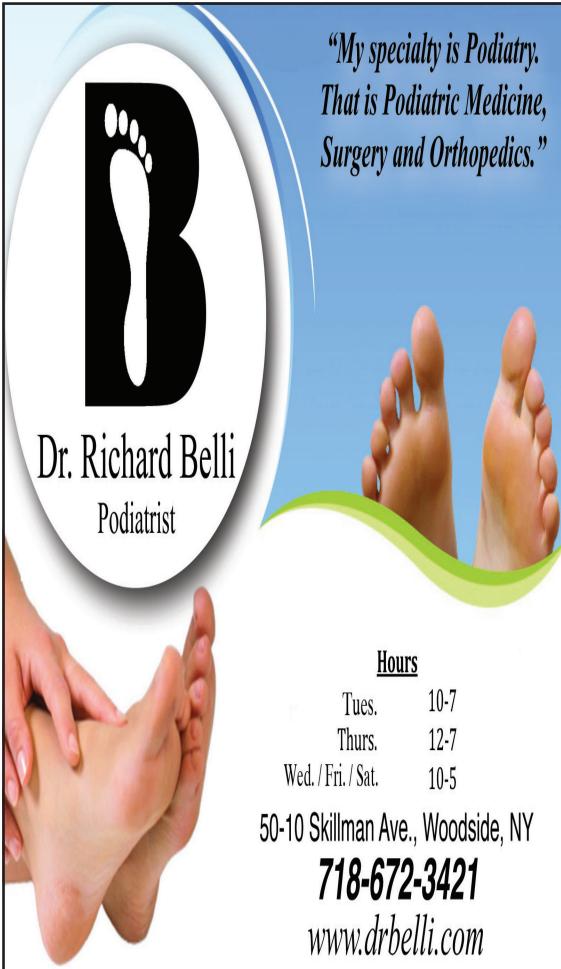
Sadly, my face aged out of the eager young student look, and I began to resemble somebody's cousin. I became the guy you think you saw at a family reunion, but you are not sure what branch of the family. My face is slowly sagging into that of a kindly uncle, one who tells funny stories and is welcome everywhere. Which means that pretty soon, people may think they actually know me...and I can maybe get offered some free meals again!













# BOO! BIKE TRICK AND RIDE

by Cyclo Pete

Hello Woodsiders! The weather is getting crisp and that means the Halloween decorations are coming out! While many would correctly argue our area, particularly around the Gardens district, is one of the premier trick or treat destinations in the

city. But we live relatively close to a few others. So read on for some suggestions on some spooky, but still really safe, rides!

Astoria Scaries

If you're looking for your fix of scary decorations but don't want to go too far, look no further than Astoria. Our neighbors in the section north of the bridges by Ditmars put on a great show. It used to be a pain to get all the way out there by bike, but now all you need to do is take Skillman to Queens Boulevard/Plaza and get Crescent to the Triborough. Note that once you cross under the bridge Crescent turns one way, so take 24th Street through the Hell Gate Bridge and you'll be right in spooky central in just over 20 minutes. Ditmars itself can get busy with traffic, but the best sights are on the residential side streets, so take a spin around!

Haunted Forest Hills

If you're really feeling the season and want to head a bit further afield, you can go to another great destination further east in Forest Hills. Burns Street, which runs for a little over a mile south of Austin Street. Decorations here are epic and the street, which abuts the LIRR tracks, sees little cross traffic. The trek out is pretty straightforward - take 43rd Avenue to 52nd Street and get Queens Boulevard all the way out to 71st Street. Burns is just a few blocks south of the boulevard and if you don't want to ride on 71st you can walk the bike for the last few blocks. This is a much longer ride and will take closer to an hour. You can always take the LIRR to or from as well.

Are you ready for Halloween? I enjoy riding around our area at this time of year to see how our neighboring houses and building complexes put up festive decor. But as with so many things, the bike is a tool that can help us get further and see more. So get out there to see what our great borough has to offer, and ride safe, Woodside!



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For Additional information please contact us at: 108communitycouncil@gmail.com

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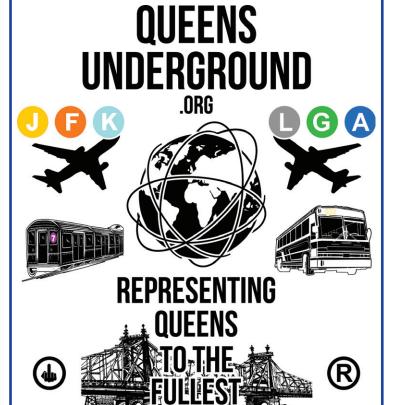
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS –

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, et against Plaintiffs, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOSCAS and UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF EVE HARRIS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF BERTHA DOSCAS AND JAMES DOSCAS, if living, et. al., Defendants.

Index No. 706349/2024.

To the above-named Defendants -YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property a lien upon which is being foreclosed is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to the Order of the Hon. Kevin J. Kerrigan J.S.C., dated September 9, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a New York City Tax Lien covering the premises located at Block 629 Lot 106 on the Tax Map of Queens County and is also known as No# 35th Street, Astoria, New York. Dated: September 25, 2025.

BRONSTER LLP, Attorney for Plaintiffs, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST,

By: Josef F. Abt, Esq. 156 West 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 703 New York, NY 10019 (347) 246-4776 10/3/25, 10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/ 24/25

#### SUMMONS

Supreme Court of New York, Queens County.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST VIII-C, Plaintiff -against UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ORON Z. COHEN A/K/A ORON COHEN; RACHEL COHEN A/K/A RACHEL CORIO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE FOR ESTATE OF ORON Z. COHEN A/K/A ORON COHEN; RONIT COHEN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ORON Z. COHEN A/K/A ORON COHEN; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW

YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (EASTERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein.

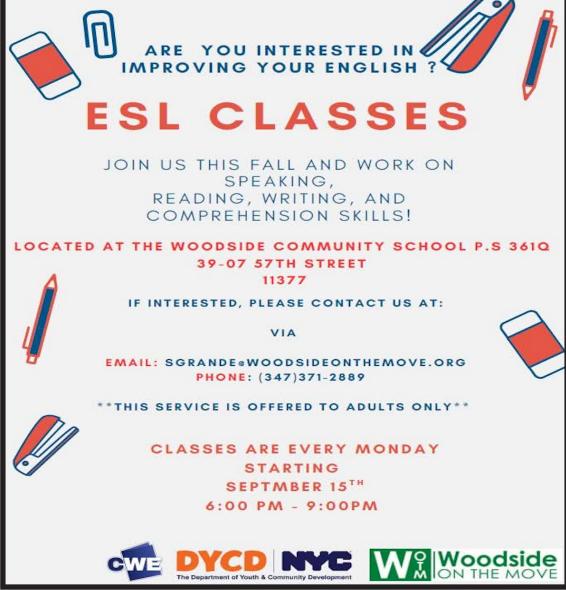
Defendants Index No. 704321/2025.

Mortgaged Premises: 144-10 Gravett Road Flushing, NY 11367 Block: 6527 Lot: 13

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage to secure \$385,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on December 28, 2006, in CRFN 2006000706915, covering the premises known as 144-10 Gravett Road, Flushing, NY 11367.. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff. 10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/24/25, 10/31/25





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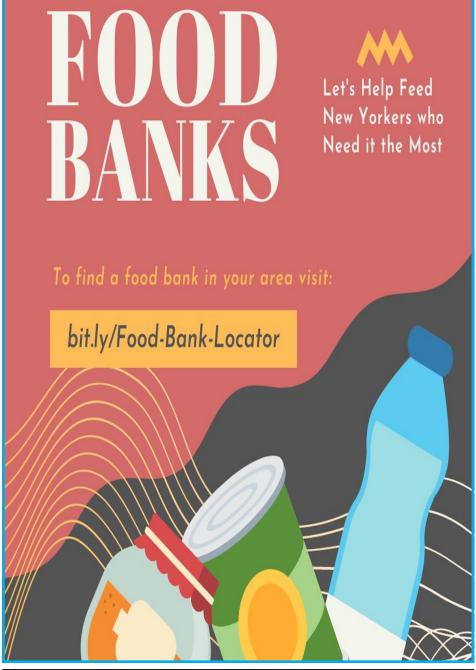
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