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On Thursday November, 12th, the Kiwanis International awarded its Everyday Hero Award to the volunteers of the Mosaic Food Pantry at 4601 43rd Ave, Sunnyside. The Mosaic Food Pantry began to address food insecurity when Covid 19 hit and has been operating for over five months and provided groceries to over 35,0000 people. The award was given to Brent O'Leary who started the pantry, Sofia Moncayo and Rut

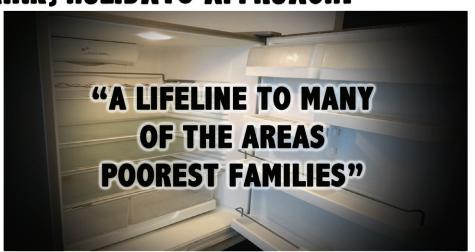
Ostos, who have managed the pantry, Lucy Bodden who has volunteered all these months and Jimmy for Uncle Jimmy's pizza who has provided food and other donations to the pantry and its workers. The award was presented by Howard Brickman the President of the Sunnyside Kiwanis Chapter. For anyone who would like to contribute to this effort, donations can be made at www.mosaicchurchnyc.churchcenter.com under the giving tab and choosing Covid 19 Sunnyside Woodside Food Distribution in the dropdown so it goes to the food pantry.

SUNNYSIDE/WOODSIDE PANTRIES IN CRISIS

AS FEDERAL PROGRAMS SHRINK, HOLIDAYS APPROACH.

Sunnyside Shines a holiday fundraiser this week to support two local pantries in Sunnyside and Woodside serving well over 1,000 families weekly. The fundraiser aims to raise at least \$20,000 and to provide each pantry with the means to provide holiday grocery items and toys for each pantry's clients. The fundraiser has been launched on a locally-developed platform that doesn't extract fees from the donations, unlike national platforms like GoFundMe; the fundraiser page is located at recause.com/sunnysideshines.

The Mosaic Pantry on 43rd Avenue and the "Manos Que Dan Reciben Benediciones" pantry on 62nd street in Woodside are a lifeline to many of the areas poorest families, notes Jaime-Faye Bean, Executive Director at Sunnyside Shines. "These are programs that are serving people who have been excluded from the federal stimulus and are often not eligible for formal aid programs," she notes. *(continued on page 7)*





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HONOR

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life and legacy of the
great artist **Isamu Noguchi** by co-naming
the street outside his
former home, studio &
the The Noguchi
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A DIFFERENT SEASON

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

Before all the richly colored leaves depart and we become consumed, once again, with all the things that are wrong with the world and the holiday season, I invite you to "Stop" and "Breathe." You may find that you were holding your breath or that you haven't stopped worrying or moving for quite some time. If you are lucky enough to be outdoors for any part of your day, see if you can spy that random leaf pirouetting to the ground. Notice the twists and turns; the sudden change in direction brought on by a passing breeze. When you complete this activity, you may discover the wealth that is hidden in the present moment; the moment, which is all too often overlooked. I have been leaf watching. To my amazement, I can get thoroughly engrossed in watching leaves fall and have had others notice my pauses prompting them to talk to me. For example, the other day while out walking my dog I picked up a giant maple leaf and walked with it in my hand as I continued to watch other leaves surfing through the air. What I didn't notice was the fact that one of two Parks Department workers surprised me by suddenly asking: "What are you going to do with that?" I quickly responded with a sudden burst of excitement saying, "I'm going to take a picture of it." We chatted briefly and I urged both of them to essentially "seize the day" and enjoy the richness of each moment lived.

This is indeed a different season; one filled with the full-blown reality of life and death struggles, as well as emotionally charged racial tensions; unpredictable weather conditions and uncertainty in our government and economy; yet, Nature seems to be guiding us through the ritual of change and changeless miracles. The leaves are a reminder of the cycle of life and death and the potential for a glorious symphony of color to accentuate a graceful transition from Fall to Winter; acting as our best role model

in how to cope with the realities of change.

An Autumn night sky has also given me an appreciation of the constancy that sustains hope in the future. As I gaze at bright stars that shimmer like a shining promise, I feel a connection to things that could easily seem beyond my reach like peace on earth and freedom from want for all. This week's launch of the SpaceX Falcon 9 Crew is a reminder that goals and exploration of new possibilities can present unwavering opportunities to go beyond perceived limits. History is full of those who challenged their reality and as a result took us to new places in our thinking. Young people are breaking records; building bridges and making history just like Sydney Barber who will be the first Black woman to lead the brigade of midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy.

This different season is a challenge that we can choose to accept with a determined spirit and a commitment to make each day well lived; accepting and allowing every moment to be the fulfillment of a new purpose. Some may ask, "How is this possible with so many problems in our communities and in the world?" Given the choice of whether to succeed at living or succumb to the possibility of being vanquished by disillusionment, I highly recommend living with meaning and purpose and truly believe that this *is* the better option.

I have already launched the holiday season with beautiful music and daily gratitude for the breath of life. I fully intend to continue to glorify the present moment by staying awake to the opportunities for witnessing the unfoldment of each precious moment of this *different* season. The current conditions and the foreboding messages will likely give a new challenge to our powers of creativity and put a spin on old traditions for holiday celebrations, but I hope that you will breathe new life into the way you welcome the holidays and introduce a new kind of splendor to all you do.







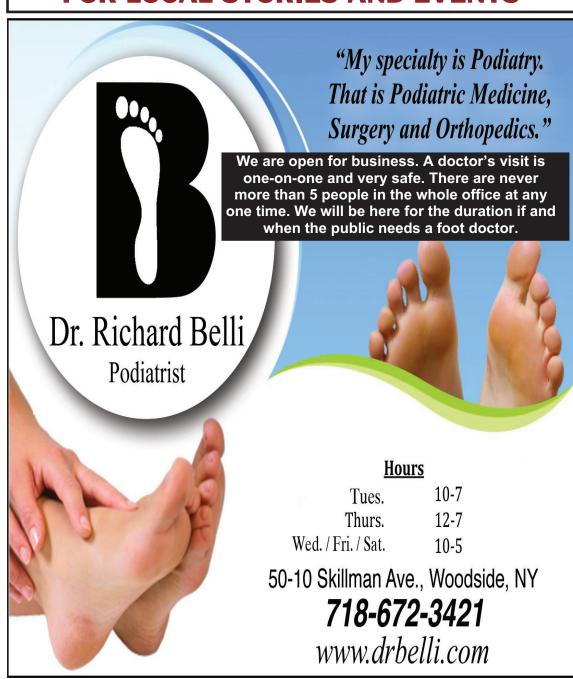
CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR RESTAURANT OWNERS AMID POTENTIAL RESTRICTIONS TO INDOOR DINING

The Queens Chamber of Commerce has released the following statement from President and CEO Tom Grech calling for government support for restaurant owners amid potential restrictions to indoor dining regulations:

"Restaurants are the lifeblood of our neighborhoods and the backbone of our economy, employing hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and generating billions in tax revenue for the City and State. Over the past several months, these business owners have done everything asked of them to keep their employees, customers and communities safe, and in many cases gone above and beyond to support the heroic New Yorkers on the front lines fighting the pandemic. But that has come at a cost, with many of these small businesses struggling to make payroll and pay the rent. Disgracefully, their plight has been ignored by our leadership in Washington, who have failed to pass the RESTAURANTS Act, which would provide desperately needed relief.

"Restaurant owners are already hanging on by a thread. The reality of the situation is that if we are forced into another lockdown many of the neighborhood institutions that we love will never open their doors to customers again. I implore New Yorkers to take all necessary precautions to stop the spread of COVID so that restaurants and all businesses can continue to operate safely. We ask that our elected leaders only restrict indoor dining if it is absolutely necessary to do so and provide much needed relief to help these struggling business owners."





99-YEAR-OLD INDUCTED INTO STATE SENATE VETERANS HALL OF FAME



On Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. honored the life and sacrifices of a local veteran by inducting him into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame.

Addabbo presented Ermondo "Butch" Puccio — a 99-year-old Queens native — with the honor for serving in World War II.

"It was an honor and a privilege to be able to present Butch with this plaque and to thank him for his years of service to our country," Addabbo, a member of the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, said. "There are not too many of our World War II veterans left, so it meant a lot to recognize Ermondo for his service time during the world's greatest conflict."

Puccio was born on April 15, 1921, in Queens, and at the age of 21 he enlisted as a Private in the United States Army and completed his basic training at Camp Davis in North Carolina. Before being deployed to California in 1943, Puccio married his wife Jennie, and on August 28, 2020, they celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary.

During his years in service, Puccio spent time in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. While in combat, a .50 caliber machine gun fell on Puccio, injuring him. In January 1946, Puccio returned to the United States, and on February 2, 1946, he was honorably discharged from the Army, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

"Our veterans give up so much, including time at home with their families, while some make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their lives for our country," Addabbo concluded. "It is a great feeling to be able to give back to our veterans, and this induction into the NYS Veterans Hall of Fame for Butch is one small way that I can help honor a great soldier, especially on Veterans Day."



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Senator Michael Gianaris wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving and thanks you for your participation.





QUEENS IT'S IN QUEENS!

It feels like last March all over again with Covid surging and online events everywhere. Luckily, the programs are fantastic and the diversity is inspiring with live music, art, film, cooking, poetry, and dance. Plus, this pandemic is going to end soon.

NOV. 20, EXHIBITION TOUR WITH JESSE WINE, 1PM

Displaying artist Jesse Wine and SculptureCenter Curator Kyle Dancewicz lead a Zoom tour of Wine's current exhibition Imperfect List.

NOV. 20, SOUND OF METAL, 6:30PM

Queens Drive-In screens this movie about a Heavy Metal drummer who begins to lose his hearing. New York Hall of Science Parking Lot, 47-01 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

NOV. 21, THE JAZZ QUEENS OF QUEENS, 3PM

Claudia Zanes sings, dances, and entertains like some of the female jazz legends that once lived in the borough, including Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Lena Horne, during this Kupferberg Center for the Arts zoom.

NOV. 21, BEETHOVEN'S SONATA CONCERT, 4PM

Friends of Maple Grove presents Barbara Podgurski on piano and Sarah Pratt on violin. The concert is dedicated to two permanent residents — Louis Hagemann (1824-1880) and Annie Barnaby Hagemann (1849-1885) — who taught music for many years.

NOV. 21, NONNA LIVE: ITALY COMES TO YOU, 4:30PM

This Alley Pond Environmental Center workshop streams live from Italy's Palombara. The audience cooks, blanches spinach, kneads dough, prepares filling, fills ravioli, boils, and tastes.

NOV. 21, FOR THE BIRDS, 10AM

Youngsters examine feathers, nests, and eggs, and learn amazing facts about nature's fine feathered friends. Then it's time for an outdoor bird walk in Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

NOV. 21, REINVENTING THE SACRED TEXT: AUDRE LORDE AND BIOMYTHOGRAPHY, 2:30PM

This Lewis Latimer House Museum Reading & Discussion program looks at Lorde's poetry and her view of language and storytelling.

NOV. 21, ILLUMINATE: MAKING ART WITH LIGHT, 10:30AM

This Noguchi Museum program is for families with children ages 5–11. They engage in conversations about art, and then create artwork together using materials found in the home.

NOV. 21, KATRINA REID: SUB(URBAN) ARCHIVES, 3PM

Queens Museum presents this performance, which is a journey of movement and sound that invites the audience to consider the interplay between memory and migration.

NOV. 22, WOLFWALKERS, 6PM

Queens Drive-In screens this animated movie about a young apprentice hunter who journeys to Ireland with her father to wipe out the last wolf pack. New York Hall of Science Parking Lot, 47-01 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

NOV. 23, ART TALKS AT THE QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY: WOMEN AT THE TIFFANY STUDIOS IN QUEENS, NOON

The Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass Executive Director and Curator Lindsy Parrott gives an online lecture on women at Tiffany Studios in Corona. Louis C. Tiffany (1848-1933) hired numerous women as artists, designers, and decorators at his famous firm.

NOV. 24, THE AMERICAN POPS ORCHESTRA, 7PM

Queensborough Performing Arts Center and The American Pops Orchestra do a version of "Name That Tune" with an online scoring sheet and a prize for the winner.

NOV. 24, TALK WITH A SCULPTOR, 7PM

Kupferberg Center on the Arts streams this chat with Yvonne Shortt, whose work is currently on display at the Queens College Art Center.

NOV. 24, CENTER OF ATTENTION: PLANET IN TRANSIT #1, 2PM

Noguchi Museum educator Matthew Capezzuto leads an interactive virtual learning program related to the piece "Planet in "Transit #1 (1968–1972)."

NOV. 25, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, 2:30PM

Alley Pond Environmental Center Animal Care Coordinator Zachary Kaplan discusses the upkeep of the agency's snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs, guinea pigs, birds, rabbits, spiders, fish, and more. APEC, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

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.

SUNNYSIDE & WOODSIDE MUTUAL AID FOOD PANTRIES SATURDAY BETWEEN 1-2:30PM

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HELP THE NEEDY

by Juan Rodriguez

It's never too late to receive, or to give through December. Sunnyside, Woodside, and Long Island City continue to be centers of hope, where folks give generously to needy families and neighbors. Parishes like Queen of Angels, St Teresa, St Raphael, St. Sebastian, St Mary's (Winfield), and Corpus Christi, along with groups and agencies in our Community provide non-perishable food, clothing, and other resources. If you are in need of food, resources, or would like to

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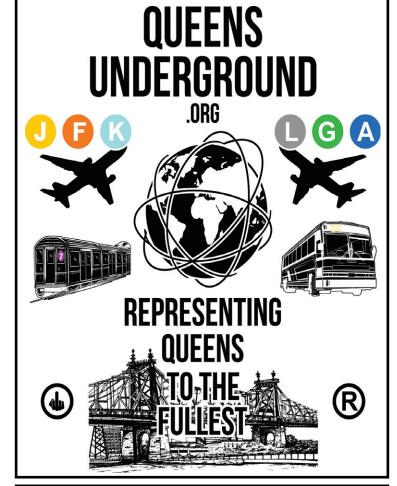
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NYC COVID EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$42,997,137.20 in funding for New York City's Office of Management and Budget. New York City was at the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak, and this critical funding will help the city cover previous COVID-19 expenses that helped protect New York's communities and mitigated the risk of COVID-19. Specifically, this funding covers the cost of enhanced protective measures that have been deployed throughout New York State, including personal protective equipment (PPE), medical equipment, and disinfectant services for public buildings.

"New York City has been on the frontline of combatting the COVID-19 pandemic and this essential funding will give state and city officials the resources needed to mitigate the risk of further spread," said Senator Gillibrand. "As the pandemic continues into the winter months, this funding will equip our public officials and frontline workers with the resources needed to do their jobs efficiently and to safely rebuild our economy and communities."

This Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding is authorized under Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.



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INVESTIGATION INTO HORRIFYING CONDITIONS AT USDA-LICENSED PUPPY MILLS

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris and Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal (D/WF-Manhattan) issued the following statement after the Humane Society of the United States announcement of the results of a major investigation into puppy mills across the United States. Senator Gianaris and Assemblymember Rosenthal are the sponsors of New York—s landmark legislation to end the puppy mill to pet store pipeline, banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in retail pet stores and allowing pet stores to instead make space available to display animals that are available for adoption.

"With so many good animals in need of rescue, there is no need for puppy mills that abuse animals to supply pet stores. Our four-legged companions should be treated with respect, not like commodities," said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. "The Humane Society's work demonstrates the need we have to shut down the puppy mill to pet store pipeline and I look forward to passing this critical legislation next year."

"A full quarter of New York's retail pet stores get their animals from places where outright cruelty and indifference to suffering is baked into the business model, said Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal, Chair of the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. "Puppy mills and pet stores hide behind the 7USDA stamp of approval to denote quality, but in this case, it's a meaningless designation that does not protect consumers or prevent animal abuse. Our legislation gets to the heart of the puppy mill to pet store pipeline, and with so many innocent animals in need of a home, there's no reason to support a business built on suffering."

According to HSUS, at least eight of the puppy mill breeders revealed in their investigation sold animals to 20 pet stores in New York State. New York is the state with the largest number of puppy-selling pet stores in the nation.

According to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the state agency tasked with regulating pet dealers, there are approximately 80 pet stores registered throughout the state.

The State Senate passed this legislation in 2020. The two legislators are working to achieve passage in both houses next year.

THE HOLLY TOUR GOES VIRTUAL! VISIT SIX QUEENS LANDMARKS IN ONE DAY

LEARN HISTORY, BAKE TREATS, ENJOY ART, SING HOLIDAY TUNES

Tradition and modernity will join forces to spread the holiday spirit in Flushing while also fighting the spread of COVID-19 on Saturday, Dec. 6. Via two one-hour sessions on YouTube, six historic landmarks will open their cybernetic doors to the public to celebrate the 33rd annual #HollyTour

The venues % Bowne House; Flushing Town Hall; Kingsland Homestead; Lewis Latimer House Museum; Quaker Meeting House; and Voelker Orth Museum % will present live and pre-recorded videos as well as interactive content to celebrate the season.

Each host gets about 20 minutes to amaze viewers with content, and ticket prices run from \$5 to \$35. They are on sale via the Queens Historical Society's website. Here's the schedule, followed by more information on the venues.

Bowne House's first 10-minute segment is a narrated slideshow with a short history of the landmark, the Bowne family's legacy of fighting for religious tolerance, and the emergence of holiday traditions in Colonial America. The second 10-minute segment is a Bakewell Tart tutorial presented by a Bowne educator which includes video clips of the process and a narrative about the recipe's historical significance to the Bowne family.

Flushing Town Hall adds some spice with a 15-minute tour of the outdoor garden and community exhibition, "Call and Response: Grief, Resiliency, and Hope," with Deputy Director Sami Abu Shumays. He also takes viewers inside the gallery, gift shop, and dressing room (a former jail cell) before concluding with a solo violin performance of "Greensleeves" inside the concert hall.

Kingsland Homestead informs on a major Flushing industry in the 18th and 19th centuries: nurseries. (Several prominent Queens families operated nurseries associated with Kingsland.) Then, a crafting expert teaches how make a holiday wreath with some old, locally collected branches, while emphasizing the important role that trees have played in Flushing's history.

Lewis Latimer House Museum Education Associate Alex Unthank leads a live tour and discussion of the on-site exhibition "Home/Land" with audience participation encouraged. With eight displaying artists, "Home/Land" looks at the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850's influence on Latimer's family and compares old tactics to detain, deport, and re-enslave to today's Immigration Customs Enforcement practices. The exhibition pairs true stories of those who escaped or attempted to escape slavery in the years surrounding the Fugitive Slave Act with recent experiences of families attempting to migrate to the United States with the hope of finding a home in the Land of the Free.

Quaker Meeting House Clerk Jeffrey Guyton narrates a 15-minute video that explores the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, and equality and how they are expressed in the house's physical features and modern day member activities.

Voelker Orth Museum offers a glimpse of the period rooms where the family hosted guests through the Christmas season along with a short home movie of the Orth family relaxing at home in about 1930. (Expect the Victorian landmark to be dressed in a traditional German-American style with holly trees and outdoor decorations as per the way the Voelker and Orth women used to transform their home during the holidays.)

Plus, viewers can sing holiday tunes with St. John's University Mixed Chorus Director Kim Oler and Voelker Board Member Norman Jardine, who is active in several choruses. *More information is at www.queenshistoricalsociety.org*.

SUNNYSIDE/WOODSIDE PANTRIES IN CRISIS

(continued from front page)

"Without these pantries, and with work still scarce and COVID yet again on the ride, these are families that have to worry every day about when and where there next meal will come."

The Mosaic Pantry was founded by Sofia Moncayo and other members of the Mosaic Church congregation early in the pandemic. Luis Gaguancela started Manos Que Dan Reciben Benediciones in the early days of the pandemic as a delivery program, and as need swelled, transitioned to a physical space in Woodside in July.

"We have been blessed by strong support from the local community since our opening." notes Moncayo of Mosaic Pantry. Even though the need is ever present and growing, we have been able to provide thousands of households with food each month, while having to turn away hundreds as well. It's heartbreaking to have to turn people away when we know how little they are going home to.

Luis Gaguancela notes that the holidays are a particular challenge for the pantries. "We don't want anyone going hungry, and that by itself is a challenge. But we really want to go beyond that and make sure every family is able to enjoy a real holiday meal and

create special memories for their children."

Bean notes that all proceeds from the fundraiser will be split evenly between the two pantries and paid out directly to the pantries. The Recause platform, developed by Long Island City-based local Bryan Carlin, allows local organizations and businesses to fundraise for causes without fees, and to match up to a certain amount of donations. "We thought it was great to be able to use a local platform developed by someone who really cares about our community," notes Bean, "and it gave our Board of Directors the opportunity to step forward with a match."

The first \$2,500 of donations to the fundraiser will be matched by Sunnyside Shines, through contributions from Cooper Realty, LIC Building, Lynch Funeral Home, the Queens Post, and Triad Management. An additional \$500 in gift certificates to Fresh n Save supermarkets are being contributed. Donors can give online through December 27th to recause.com/sunnysideshines. Although online donations are strongly preferred, donors may also donate by check by sending a check made out to Sunnyside Shines to PO Box 4477, Sunnyside, NY 11104 with the memo "Pantries fundraiser."

Letters To The Editor

The following letters are the opinions of its author and not necessarily those of the Woodside Herald.



BRIDGE SPLIT TOLLING

Dear Editor,

How ironic "Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge Split Tolling" (November 13) coincides with the 56th Anniversary for opening of the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge on November 20, 1964. This reminded me of other past transportation history that most have forgotten. Design of the bridge did not include a pedestrian walkway, bicycle path or connection to the existing Fourth Avenue Bay Ridge subway line. Opening of the bridge in 1964 resulted in the subsequent demise of the 69th Street Brooklyn - St. George Ferry. Few remember the long forgotten proposed tunnel between 69th Street in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and St. George, Staten Island. The concept was to extend subway service from the Brooklyn

BMT line to Staten Island. Ground was broken with entrances at both ends in the 1920's, but the project quickly ran out of money and was abandoned to history. When living on Shore Road in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, friends and I would look to no avail in attempting to find the abandon site filled in decades earlier. Flash forward 100 years later and we have the proposed \$10 billion "Cross Harbor" rail freight tunnel project. This project is sponsored by the NYC Economic Development Corporation and championed by Manhattan/Brooklyn Congress member Jerry Nadler as his number one transportation priority. After thirty years of lobbying by Nadler, the project has yet to even complete the federal National Environmental Review (NEPA) Process. Don't be surprised if it is doomed to become a relic of history.

> Sincerely, Larry Penner





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