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INVOLUNTARY CARE FOR THOSE IN CRISIS

INVOLUNTARY CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM UNTREATED SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS

New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced a new pathway forward to address the ongoing crisis of individuals experiencing severe mental illnesses left untreated and unsheltered in New York City's streets and subways. In a public address, Mayor Adams detailed a compassionate new vision to tackle this crisis, beginning with a directive being issued immediately to city agencies and contractors involved in evaluating and providing care to individuals in psychiatric crises so that more people in need of help receive it. Mayor Adams also laid out an 11-point legislative agenda that will be among his top priorities in Albany during the upcoming legislative session. The agenda takes aim at gaps in New York State's Mental Hygiene Law that intensify the city's challenges in meeting the needs of its most vulnerable residents with severe mental illness. Finally, Mayor Adams announced new clinical co-response teams deployed in New York City's subways to respond to those with serious mental health issues, as well as an enhanced training in partnership with New York State for all first responders to compassionately care for those in crisis.

"As a city, we have a moral obligation to support our fellow New Yorkers and stop the decades-long practice of turning a blind eye towards those suffering from severe mental illness, especially those who pose a risk of harm to themselves," said Mayor Adams. "It is not acceptable for us to see someone who clearly needs help and walk past them. For too long, there has been a gray area where policy, law, and accountability have been unclear, and this has allowed people in desperate need to slip through the cracks. This culture of uncertainty has led to untold suffering and deep frustration, but we cannot and will not allow it to continue. We are making a clear statement to our fellow New Yorkers that, by leading with compassion and care, we can do much more to help those among us in a severe mental health crisis, even when they are unable to, by no fault of their own, recognize their own needs. This is our moral mandate as a city and we will not fail to deliver for our most vulnerable."

In accordance with state law and court precedent, Mayor Adams' directive clarifies that

outreach workers, city-operated hospitals, and first responders have the legal authority to provide care to New Yorkers when severe mental illness prevents them from meeting their own basic human needs to the extent that they are a danger to themselves. The directive — issued by Mayor Adams today — seeks to dispel a persistent myth that the legal standard for involuntary intervention requires an "overt act" demonstrating that the person is violent, suicidal, or engaging in outrageously dangerous behavior likely to result in imminent harm. Mayor Adams also announced that the city is developing a tele-consult line to provide police officers in the field with direct access to clinicians. This new tele-consult line will provide critical clinical advice to police officers when dealing with individuals in distress and ensure a compassionate response for those suffering with untreated serious mental illness.

Measures in Mayor Adams' legislative agenda announced today include:

Making the law explicit that a person requires care when their mental illness prevents them from meeting their own basic needs;

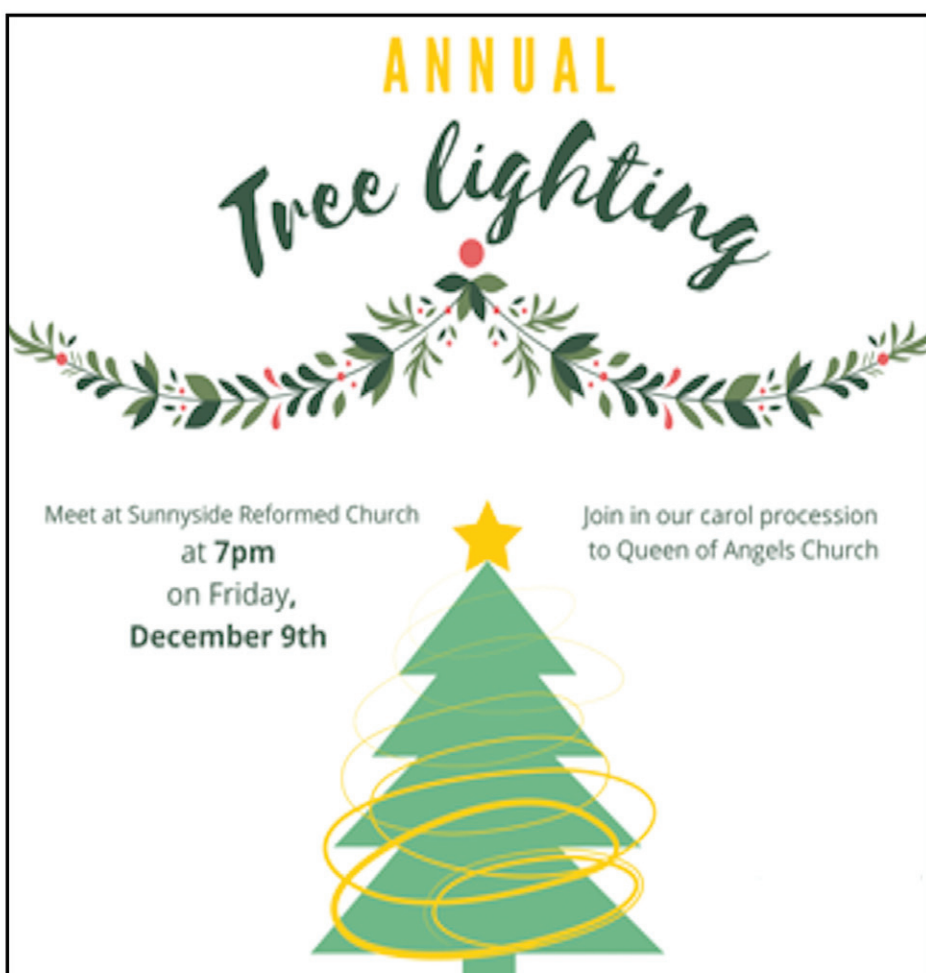
Mandating that hospital clinicians consider a range of factors when assessing a patient's need for involuntary admission or retention, including known treatment history and current ability to adhere to outpatient treatment;

Requiring hospitals to screen all psychiatric patients prior to discharge for their need to receive "assisted outpatient treatment" (court-ordered care under "Kendra's Law");

Allowing a broader range of trained mental health professionals to perform evaluations and community removals of individuals in crisis; and

Requiring hospitals to notify known community providers when their clients are admitted or released and collaborate with community providers in preparing patients for discharge.

Ahead of the winter months — when homelessness typically increases on subways due to the cold weather — the Adams administration has begun deploying subway clinical co-response teams, made up of joint patrols of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the New York City Police Department (NYPD), to patrol high-traffic subway stations and respond with a clinician-led approach to those appearing to have serious mental health issues.



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MANAGING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUR PETS

by Stan Popovich

Many people who struggle with depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues sometimes have a difficult time taking care of their pets. As a result, here are six ways on how to take care of your pets while you deal with your mental health issues.

1. **Do what is most important:** It is important that you take care of your pet's main needs when you are struggling with your anxieties. Feeding your pet, making sure their healthy, and making sure they are living in a safe environment is what is most important. Remember to focus on taking care of the basic needs for your animals when you are having a difficult time in managing your anxieties.

2. **Ask for help:** If you have trouble taking care of your animals ask a friend or relative for some help. Some days can be tough to manage when your mental health issues get the best of you. Your friends or relatives will be happy to help you out if your struggling with your anxieties and fears. Do not let your anxieties stop you from adopting a pet.

3. **Consider using a pet sitter:** There are many pet sitters who would be willing to provide some assistance in making sure your animals are taken care of while your struggling with your mental health. Anxiety and depression can come and go for some people. As a result, some days are better than others. Use the services of a pet sitter when you need it.

4. **Plan ahead:** If you know you struggle with your mental health, don't wait until the last minute to figure out how to take care of your pets. Develop a plan so when your mental health issues get the best of you, you will know what to do. This will give you the peace of mind that your animals are being taken care of while you get back on your feet.

5. **Learn from your past experiences:** Many people struggle with their anxieties on a regular basis. Try to learn from your experiences on how you can take care of yourself and your pets. This will help you the next time you struggle with your mental health because you will be better able to take care of your animals when your anxieties are out of control.

6. **Talk to your veterinarian:** Talk to your pet's veterinarian on how to take care of your mental health and your animals at the same time. Remember that many people who deal with depression and anxiety have dogs and cats. The key is knowing what to do when your mental health issues get the best of you. Now is the time to plan ahead when it comes to taking care of your pets.

Remember to take it one day at a time. Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month when it comes to taking care of your animals and your mental health, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your problems. Do not make quick judgements and learn to take things in stride rather than getting upset and anxious.

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PLAYGROUNDS FOR PEACE REVISITED

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

On a chilly Fall weekday morning a few weeks ago, the dedication of the \$7.1 million dollar Ravenswood Playground took place. This event reminded me of an article that I wrote back in the 80's entitled "Playgrounds for Peace." Perhaps now more than ever, we need to focus on the importance of using our outdoor play spaces to prepare our youngsters for a peaceful future. They are sacred spaces devoted to children's play and their boundless imaginations. I, along with my husband and two young children were present the last time that this playground underwent a renovation and dedication back in 1986. At that time, there was a brass plaque that gave the date of that renovation with names of those responsible for the project's completion. I was present in the summer of 2021 when a different group of local leaders raised their shovels in the groundbreaking for the project. During the recent dedication when I asked one of the parks department staff about the plaque that was removed and whether there would be another one for the current project, I was told that they will not be doing that any more. The staff person couldn't tell me why. That being said, I must confess that I felt a loss from this change because the plaque provided an important record of the changes that the playground has undergone. It also served as tangible proof of a commitment to preserve and sustain a valuable community resource.

Playgrounds are where peace on earth begins. It is not on the battlefields, but the softball or soccer fields where we learn the rules of conduct and civility that allow us to safely enjoy the sport and each other's skill and talents. Playgrounds are the places where children grapple with moral questions of right and wrong and hopefully come out in favor of just outcomes. We can't catch up later and expect that troubled individuals with guns will give up their rage that could potentially put others in supermarkets, places of worship, break rooms or other gathering places at-risk. Today is tomorrow when we think of the lessons that are needed to guide young minds, bodies and spirits for a peaceful future. There are no security systems or laws that can protect us if we start too late to guide and nurture our beloved children in the values and beliefs that establish the necessity of peaceful co-existence. Certainly, our priorities must continue to include playgrounds, but the job is not done with a ceremonial shovel of dirt or a ribbon cutting. There is more to do to protect the investment and the future. A study of mass murderers showed that many never played. Abusive childhoods, neglect and maltreatment of the young also contribute to the profile of the next person who chooses to use a gun or knife to communicate their inner torment. We will remain in peril and suffer grave losses if we do not turn our time and attention to the young and their need for a peaceful foundation that can begin on the playground; and in loving, nurturing homes and communities.

The newly renovated Ravenswood Playground opened for use during the summer of 2022, just before the Fourth of July. At that time, the holiday and sweltering heat drew many people into the park to enjoy the pristine quality of the newly renovated space. I, like my neighbors, was very happy to finally see the completion of the playground that had been shrouded in netting while the workers busily fashioned a makeover. Just days after the holiday, my husband and I took a walk through the park and to our dismay, saw mounds of litter, bottles, debris from cookouts and the surface of the softball field scorched by seemingly high powered fireworks. Suddenly, I was struck by the disconnect between the purpose of the playground and the perception of the users who, although I am sure they enjoyed their time spent there, made little effort to utilize it with care and consideration for the investment, or the future users of the space. This brings me to my view that more is needed to convey the importance of play spaces where children grow into their understanding of the world and the people in it.

During my years as a Youth Coordinator for Community Board Two covering Long Island City, Sunnyside and Woodside, I learned how important the neighborhood parks were to the community. My first days on the job consisted of making site visits to all of the parks alongside the district manager who was very proud of the collective support that helped to maintain these local treasures. The events and activities of the parks were a mainstay that solidified a commitment to preserving and sustaining the outdoor green spaces and playgrounds that welcomed a diverse population of local residents; many of whom lived in apartments without yards for play. I saw it as a clear benefit that children and adults from throughout the Community Board Two area could come together and meet each other on the common ground of playing fields, parks and playgrounds. My article on "Playgrounds for Peace" was applauded for this vision of hope that I so clearly saw.

Over the growing up years of my children, I took them to many playgrounds and valued the diverse nature of the community that brought children from different backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities all together to play. An important aspect of those experiences was that these children were supervised by parents or caregivers who helped to maintain a safe space for fun and exploration. Adults also got ample opportunities to meet and greet each other. The children learned to play together; savor victories or try again; and winning was not the only prize. I would observe how conflict got quickly resolved as the children moved through a temporary setback or difficulty with a desire not to waste their precious time in the playground. Playing with others who may have spoken a different language or looked different did not deter the high level of movement and activity that was accompanied by raucous laughter and high energy emotional excitement. As I thought about these memories then looked at the state of our 2022 Ravenswood Playground, I longed to see today's children receive similar kinds of experiences. Instead, I stood face to face with a harsh reminder of what happens when the adults in the lives of children neglect to set a positive example or take the time to show care and concern for the bounty of gifts that we have living in a community with green spaces and playgrounds. In my mind, I hoped for more for both the adults and the children, so I typed up signs that were enclosed in neat plastic sleeves expressing some of the ways we could realize the benefits of the playground. Within days they were gone without a trace, and I have concluded that they were probably deemed inappropriate because I didn't coordinate the effort with the parks department or the people who use the park.

During the Fall dedication, I heard it announced that there is a program that works with community people called "Partnerships for Parks." I was excited to hear this and following the dedication, I went over and introduced myself to Alejandra Vanegas who is the Queens Outreach Coordinator. I am eager to find out more about how we can work together as a



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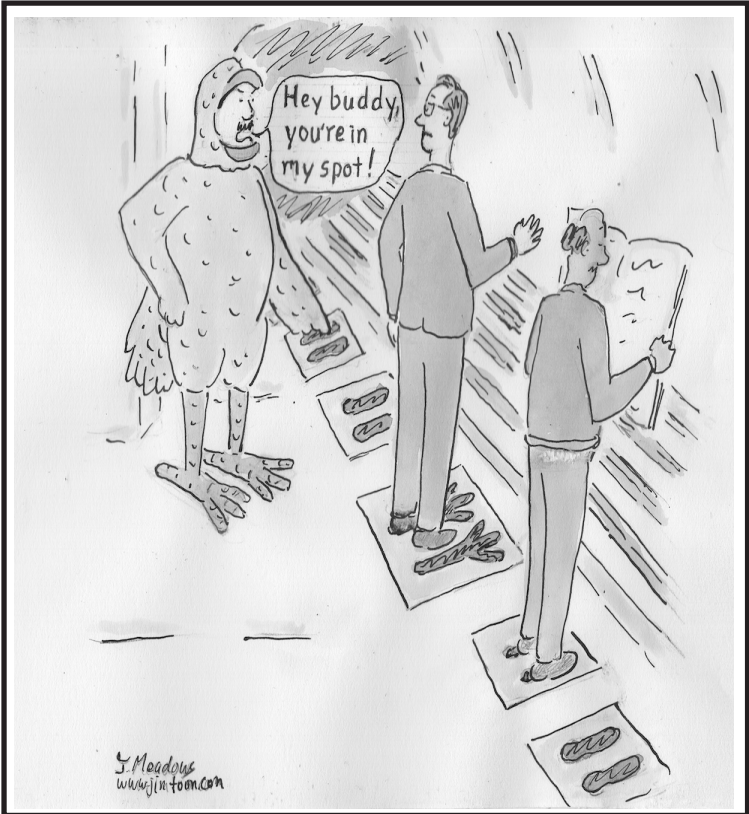
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FOOTBALL'S MOST IMPORTANT PLAYER

by Rix Quinn

What's the most important position on a football team? I vote for the center. Some pay more attention to the quarterback or running backs, but without the center they'd just be standing around. The center starts each play. Although his primary job is to snap the ball to the quarterback, his first mission is to watch how the defense lines up. And if he sees something he doesn't expect, he can call out special instructions to his team.

But we fans don't see that. And we don't pay attention to the

brave way he blocks defensive guys who try to grab the quarterback. But we do notice something truly amazing. Much of the time, he accurately throws the football while upside down.

He throws the ball four ways. The first way, he bends over, and hands the ball to the quarterback directly behind him. Or he throws the ball back a few yards to the quarterback. But if his team is punting the ball, he must snap the ball – between his legs – to a kicker 15 yards behind him. Try doing this sometime when you're

bent over and staring at somebody upside down. (The last time I did that, I was looking under the couch for a sandwich.)

His toughest job – from that same awkward position – is snapping the ball perfectly about ten yards to someone holding the ball for a placekicker. If that's done wrong, lots of bad things can happen like a fumble, a missed kick, or an angry coach. Not me...I could never handle that pressure. Luckily, a kind coach found a position on the sideline where I could help the team. He called it Left Out.

am reminded of the funding support that she gave to that state of the art building. Over the years, there have been countless instances showing her support of constituents in local neighborhoods and representing their needs in Washington D.C. To list them all would take more space than a single issue of the Long Island City Journal; however, it only takes a few carefully crafted words to disparage her in a scathing critique about a 2016 issue over an alleged solicitation of an invitation to the Met Gala at the end of her political career as the Congresswoman for our district. I am saddened by the

way we seem to have become more focused on the hypocritical ways that we hold some accountable while dismissing the actions of others. I am not sure if it is done to appeal to the gossip mentality that draws more readers; or serves the purpose of those with malicious motives, but I hope to soon see an end to the duplicity, hypocrisy and damning ways that people use "cancel culture" as the modern day "stocks" where a critique becomes public humiliation and character assassination with one fatal blow.

Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz
Long Island City



-Sean Medina

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 706128/2018 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

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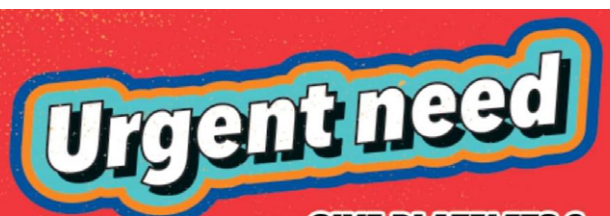
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Dated: October 31, 2022 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff

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St Theresa of Lisieux
50-20 45th Street
Woodside, NY 11377
718-784-2123 - Office
Food Pantry is Open
Tuesday 3:00PM to 4:30PM
www.SaintTeresaChurch.org

Corpus Christi
31-31 60th Street
Woodside, NY 11377
718-278-8114 - Office
Food Pantry is Open
Wednesday 11:00AM to 1:00PM
<http://CCWoodsideNY.org>

St. Raphael
35-20 Green Point Ave Long Island City, NY 11101
718-729-8957 - Office
Food Pantry is Open
Thursday 10:30AM to 12:00PM
Saturday 1:30PM to 3:00PM
<http://StRaphael-Queens.org/>

For more information on Helping the Needy
Click on [Deanery Q2](http://DeaneryQ2)
Or Use the QR Code

www.DeaneryQ2.org

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MOSAIC COMMUNITY CENTER
46-01 43RD AVE
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED
MON-FRI
5-8PM