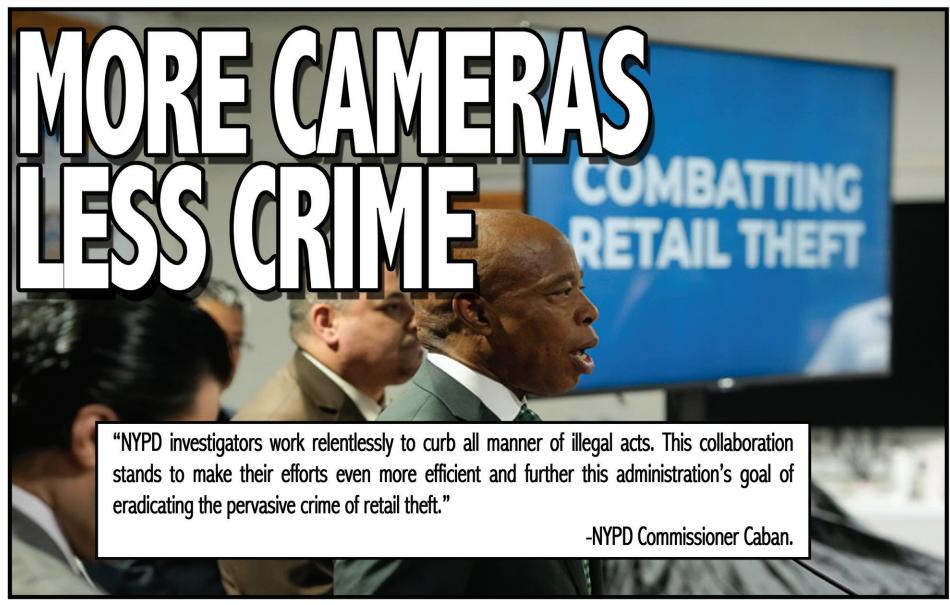
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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Philip Banks III, and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner Edward A. Caban today announced the launch of a pilot program utilizing technology to protect public safety — including by combatting retail theft, quality-of-life offenses, and crime overall — while simultaneously increasing efficiencies and improving community relations between local police precincts and the New Yorkers they serve. The community-based security camera integration platform — operated by public safety technology company Fusus by Axon — will enable businesses to voluntarily share information in real-time with the NYPD through existing closed-circuit television cameras as they seek to solve crimes. The program builds off of the Adams administration's "Retail Theft Report" released last year and is the newest advancement in the NYPD's work leveraging innovative technologies to protect public safety and further drive down crime, while having New Yorkers and local businesses take a more proactive role in improving quality of life across the five boroughs.

"New Yorkers don't feel like things are working when everything from toothpaste to laundry detergent is locked up, and businesses across the five boroughs should be able to operate without fear of losing income because of retail theft. We cannot allow shoplifters and organized crime rings to prey on businesses any longer," said Mayor Adams. "Retail theft hurts our businesses, our workers, our customers, and our city. But by allowing businesses to integrate their security cameras with their local NYPD precinct, we can gather real-time intelligence on crimes and swiftly apprehend individuals who are responsible, while creating greater efficiencies within the NYPD and involving the local community in improving quality of life. This administration is committed to protecting public safety with every tool that we have to make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America."

"Partnering with our local businesses in this way will help to ensure a safer city for every New Yorker," said NYPD Commissioner Caban. "NYPD investigators work relentlessly to curb all manner of illegal acts. This collaboration stands to make their efforts even more efficient and further this administration's goal of eradicating the pervasive crime of retail theft."

Fusus is a camera integration platform that allows private businesses to voluntarily elect to register or integrate their security cameras with their local NYPD precinct. Camera registration informs the NYPD where cameras are located in case a crime or incident occurs, and

camera integration provides the NYPD with real-time access to camera feeds. Business owners who opt-in to integrate their cameras with the NYPD have the ability to choose how and when their cameras are accessible to the police department, such as exclusively when an emergency situation arises.

The pilot program aims to facilitate faster and more efficient investigations, deter retail theft and other crimes, provide enhanced situational awareness for law enforcement in case of emergencies, and promote community engagement between local business owners and the NYPD while tackling public safety in a more cost-effective and fiscally-responsible manner. In June 2023, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and the NYPD's Real-Time Crime Center partnered with Fusus to launch a proof-of-concept for the program in the 109th Precinct at no cost to the city. In collaboration with local retailers in the Flushing community, including the Flushing Business Improvement District (BID) and College Point BID, 35 businesses enrolled in the proof-of-concept to register or integrate their cameras with the NYPD.

Based on intelligence gathered during the first 60 days of the proof-of-concept, the NYPD was able to close a citywide burglary pattern with 15 incidents tied to two individuals allegedly involved in a national retail theft operation who are currently in custody facing charges in other states and are pending arrest in New York. Police also arrested an alleged shoplifter on burglary charges for stealing more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise from an eyeglass store.

Following the completion of the proof-of-concept phase, the NYPD established a one-year agreement with Fusus for \$1.5 million to expand the program to nine additional precincts in all five boroughs. Deployment areas are being determined based on several factors, including community input, quality-of-life complaints, and crime data.

The NYPD continues to actively collaborate with community partners to facilitate the program's expansion. Businesses interested in participation or seeking further information can visit the NYPD's Fusus pilot program online to sign up. There is no cost for businesses to participate in this initiative. The NYPD is also looking at the possibility of whether Fusus can be expanded to include residential cameras on a closed-circuit feed, as other cities are currently operationalizing.

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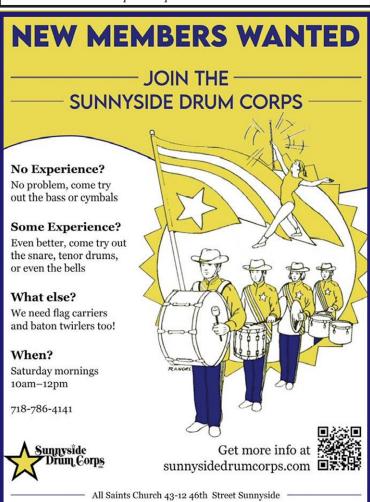
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TECHNIQUES IN MANAGING YOUR DEPRESSION

by Stan Popovich

Some people have a difficult time in managing their depression which can make things very challenging. When you are in this situation, it is important to know what to do so that your mental health issues do not overwhelm you. As a result, here are seven ways that a person can use it to help conquer their depression in their life.

- 1. **Learn how to manage your thoughts**: One of the ways to overcome your depression is to challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking. When encountering thoughts that make you fearful, challenge those thoughts by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Your fearful thoughts are usually not based on reality.
- 2. **Take a break**: Some people get depressed and have a difficult time getting through the day. When this happens, a person should take a deep breath and try to find something to do to get their mind off of the problem. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things.
- 3. **Use Self-Visualization**: Sometimes, we can get anxious over a task that we will have to perform in the near future. When this happens, visualize yourself doing the task in your mind. For instance, you have to play in the championship volleyball game in front of a large group of people in the next few days. Before the big day comes, imagine yourself playing the game in your mind. By doing this, you will be better prepared when the time comes.
- 4. Carry a small notebook of positive statements with you: Another technique that is very helpful is to have a small notebook of positive statements that makes you feel good. Whenever you come across an affirmation that relaxes you, write it down in a small notebook that you can carry around with you in your pocket. Whenever you feel depressed, open up your small notebook and read those statements.
- 5. **Worrying makes it worse**: A lot of times, our worrying can make the problem even worse. All the worrying in the world will not change anything. All you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and when something does happen, take it in stride.
- 6. **Take it one day at a time**: Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, 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. You never know when the answers you are looking for will come to your doorstep.
- 7. **Take advantage of the help that is available around you**: If possible, talk to a professional who can help you manage your fears and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future.



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SPECIAL ABILITIES

by Rix Quinn

I've always been jealous of people who discover their talents early. There was this kid in my middle school class named Karen. She drew still nature scenes better than anybody. Any time the school needed pictures of flowers, vegetables, baked goods – or even background scenery for school plays – they called on Karen.

Sadly, she left school because the family moved back to their home state. We often asked ourselves: Why did she have to leaf? Did she branch out into other types of art?

Then, there was the big question: If she specialized in painting bread only, could she make a lot of dough? A guy named Charlie could swallow air, then burp for up to 45 seconds (we timed him). He saved his most spectacular outbursts for the cavernous auditorium. The sound echoed throughout the seats, and students broke into applause. Charlie even bet several people that he could recite the alphabet in one burp. He mostly won, but occasionally ran out of gas at "w."

Dan – who moved out of town in fifth grade – brought his pet parakeet Gertrude to show-and-tell. He asked the bird questions, and Gertrude replied with short answers. Dan even entered her in the talent show, which Gertrude won by singing "Surfer Bird." But during that performance, a teacher noticed that the bird's mouth never moved.

It turned out the real Gertrude had flown away, and this bird was a silent imposter. Dan spent so much time training the parakeet, he became a first-rate ventriloquist. The judges disqualified the bird imposter for singing. But they awarded Dan a special recognition for Fowl Sounds.

TRAFFIC TICKETS **AND SCHOOL ZONES**

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

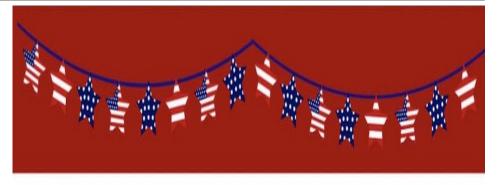
Safe driving speeds in school zones is, of course, a high priority and one that requires adherence to the limits that are set. Signs and photo camera enforcement are measures taken to alert drivers of their responsibility to adjust their speed accordingly. I have seen the way that cars obediently observe and respond to school buses that have their stop sign displayed and imagine that the speed caution is yet another aspect of safeguarding children.

What I find puzzling with regard to linking school safety is the rash of traffic tickets that are being issued on streets that are equipped with cameras, but are not near schools. Clearly, violations of speed limits warrant fines; however, the increase in tickets seems to be a veiled attempt to raise the city's revenue and it misrepresents this intention by connecting it to school zones. On 35th Avenue between Steinway Street and 21st Street, there are three schools; yet, there are no cameras and only signs that indicate a 25 mile an hour speed limit that is labeled "photo enforced." In contrast, on other selected streets there are cameras and speed limit signs where many tickets are being issued. For drivers attempting to navigate the area with attention to the road and the on and off switch of speed limits, traffic safety can feel compromised. Also, the notion of school zones that imply an effort to protect children, is misleading and appears to be a deceptive ploy to squeeze more money out of beleaguered New Yorkers. The stated rationale is that this is all part of "the City's comprehensive plan to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries, "and it is also linked to the "Vision Zero" initiative.

Just in case you have gotten tickets that reflect this pattern, or have observed the inconsistency of where cameras are located relative to schools, I thought that I would attempt to prepare you with some of the information that I discovered as I attempted to familiarize myself with the facts. Apparently, on August 1, 2022, the City of New York began issuing School Zone Speed Camera Violations "24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round and the law defining school speed zones as "a distance within 1,325 feet on a highway that passes a school building, entrance or exit of a school bordering the highway." The City is authorized to operate speed cameras in 750 school zones "which are located within a quartermile of a school building. The cameras photograph vehicles exceeding the speed limit more than 10 miles per hour. New York City speed cameras issued \$222 million in fines in 2023. It would be interesting to see the correlation with a reduction in traffic deaths and injuries.

"In Queens, 1,739,345 violations were issued over the span of 269 days, representing about 6,466 violations per day, 269 violations per hour or four violations per minute." "In fines, these violations amount to approximately \$86,967,250 total, \$323,300 per day, \$13,450 per hour or \$200 per minute.

While crossing the street the other day, I got to the opposite side walk just in time to see a small bright green sports car pull up into the bus lane; pause momentarily, then speed out while the light was still red. This left me wondering if the speed cameras caught that and if the driver would even pay a fine, if caught. Also, I am wondering if the speed camera violations are reducing traffic deaths and injuries, or if they are just a "cash cow" to increase revenue and give New Yorkers another stressor making life in "The Big Apple" more undesirable. During the pandemic, many left the city and perhaps in this post-COVID era many more will leave because of the mounting cost of living and conditions that continue to shake money out of the pockets of New Yorkers. I am no economist, but an exodus from the city may ultimately come down to a reduction in tax revenue that those remaining will be pressured to pay in order to close the resulting budget gaps in the services that result. I want to be optimistic, but until I see an effort to tax the rich; having noted the statistic about 141 more billionaires in 2024, I will remain suspicious of the plans that take more money from New Yorkers like speed cameras and "congestion pricing." I saw one advertisement for "congestion pricing" that claimed that it will assist with a more timely response from emergency vehicles. Linking "congestion parking" to emergency vehicles seems similar to linking speed cameras to school zone safety. Changing to a 20 mile an hour speed limit is yet another way to fleece the public. Meanwhile, scooters and mopeds remain a class of vehicles that endanger themselves and others without sufficient enforcement of traffic rules. I was told that there were at least two of these related deaths just this week. The "spins" that attempt to convince the public that the goal is safety, do not live up to the promise; and are not enough to convince me that the safety and well-being of New Yorkers is the underlying motivation. It is time for those who profit most from the resources of this city to pay their share and stop reaching into the pockets of New Yorkers to support these ill-conceived political strategies that join the list of other failed initiatives while ignoring the need for better enforcement of laws already on the books. These new traffic laws are money makers that further diminish public trust and confidence in city and state government. Sadly, showmanship and photo opportunities will not bring back those who are lost to traffic deaths. The longer we take to enforce existing laws and rules of the road, the more families and individuals will suffer. The pain lasts longer than a term of elected office, and so should the plans to address this problem.





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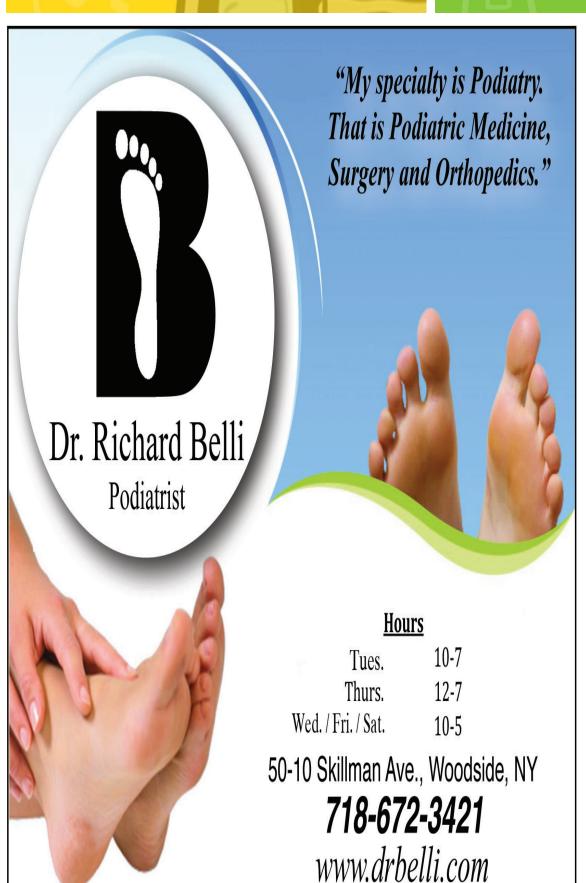
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BIKE PARKING GUIDE

by Cyclo Pete

Hello Woodsiders! Hope you're enjoying your bike month. If you're venturing out on two wheels, you might need to park your bike on the street. The fear of theft is real. I've experienced this first hand and heard horror stories from friends, colleagues, and strangers, so let's talk about how to lock up your bike so you can keep rolling for years to come.

Assess Your Needs

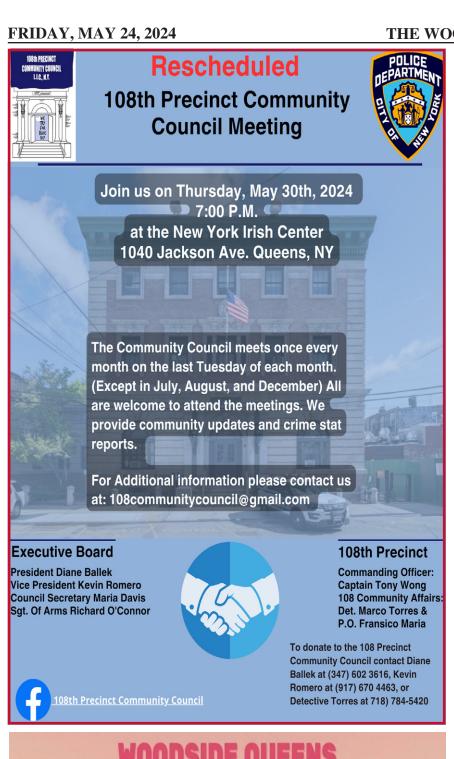
Take a close look at your bike and think about where and for how long you intend to park it. For the quick trip, a simple chain should do the trick, but if you're leaving your bike unsupervised for several hours, you'll want to lock down or remove everything that can walk. If you have a quick release wheel or seat, it's almost akin to leaving your purse on your handle bars. Talk to your mechanic for recommendations on locks and chains to secure your bike components. Some quick release components can be swapped out and securely locked down, but most experts will recommend using some combination of a u-lock and chain.

Lock Everything Down Back to Front

Have you ever walked by a solitary wheel chained to a street pole? This is because the bike owner made the unfortunate mistake of locking only their wheel, which was taken off by flipping the release, allowing the thief to walk away with the rest of the bike. If you do nothing else, use your u-lock on your back wheel and thread it through your frame. Think of this as securing the bike from back to front. The back wheel is what contains 50% or more of the value of your bike, add the frame and you get up to 80%. The proper way to lock up is through the frame and back wheel, and optionally using a chain or mini u-lock to lock the front wheel, which is worth about 20% of the value of the bike.

Locking your bike can be scary so don't make it a leap of faith! Everything on your bike, from the handlebars, to the brakes, to the wheels, to the seat, is removable. The key is to make sure you lock up well, because chances are a thief will move on to an easier target. A bike is an investment, so make sure you lock up your valuables and ride safe, Woodside!







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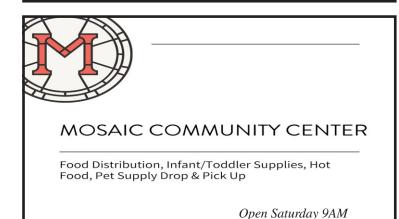
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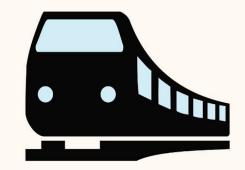




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