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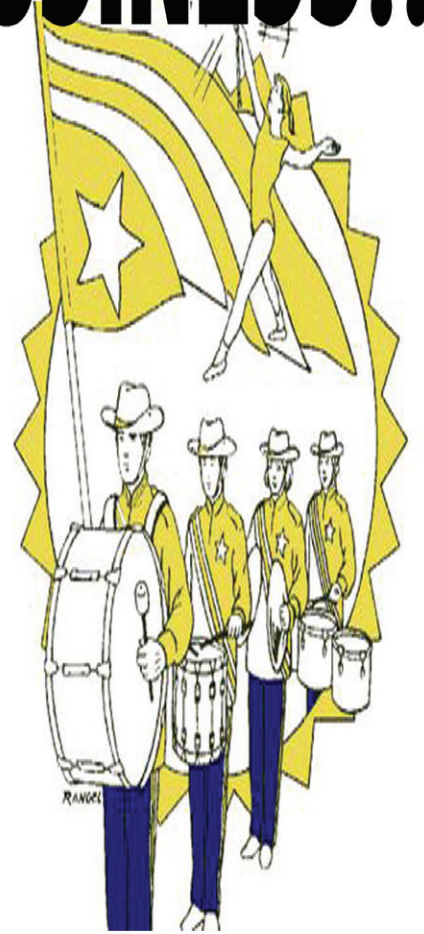
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FREE

YOUR DRUM CORPS, BACK IN BUSINESS!!

by Peter Ross

It's been nearly fifteen months since the Coronavirus pandemic officially shut down much of life as we had known it. Daily routines changed drastically and for our youth (and adults as well!) extracurricular activities had to be left behind or severely curtailed. Thankfully, our world here in New York is slowly coming back and we are able to enjoy those interests and pursuits, which we did before with those we enjoyed doing it with. In this light, we are happy to announce that YOUR 'Ambassadors of Good Will', the Sunnyside Drum Corps, is back in business, ready to get back to performing for your pleasure and open for new recruits! And this comes at a perfect time, as the Drum Corps, on Flag Day, is celebrating 44 years of service to our local communities in Queens and beyond (unfortunately our parade here in Sunnyside had to be cancelled again this year but will be back, as your Drum Corps is, bigger and better next year!). The dream of business leader and community activist, Joseph Sabba, lives on! Since 1977, over 1,300 youth from our local community to as far as Manhattan, Brooklyn and even Long Island have honed their musical skills, been provided a fun and safe outlet to be creative, have participated in service to the community and had opportunity to show leadership by their membership in the Sunnyside Drum Corps. After a year off (technically on 'pause') due to COVID-19 and with the unfortunate closing of the congregation proper at All Saints Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island has granted the Drum Corps permission to continue run the program at All Saints, in a newly renovated space within the church building. The Sunnyside Drum Corps has moved from the undercroft to the main level of the Church (upstairs) and now meets on Saturday late mornings instead of Tuesday evenings. The Corps is seeking new members for this new program year and invites boys and girls ages 9 through 19 to come and be part of the music, fun and excitement that is the Sunnyside Drum Corps! No prior musical experience or training is necessary and there are no registration or lesson fees to join. All that is asked is a willingness to participate, to listen, learn, be disciplined and lead by example. For more information please call (718) 786-4141 and check out the Corp's website at sunnysidedrumcorps.com and Facebook page at facebook.com/sunnysidedrumcorps. The Corps meets on Saturday's at 11:00 AM in the upper level of All Saints Episcopal Church at 43-12 46th Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104. We look forward to seeing you! Opportunities available with the drum line, glockenspiel (bell) line and color guard. Youth who play brass and woodwind instruments are also welcome (bring your own instrument). Start your summer right, become part of the Sunnyside Drum Corps!



GUIDANCE ON MASK USE INDOORS REMAINS IN PLACE

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced this week that school districts can choose to lift the requirement that their students must wear masks outdoors. Guidance on mask use indoors remains in place. This change aligns New York State's guidance on schools with CDC guidance on summer camps, where even unvaccinated students are not currently required to wear masks outdoors.

"The numbers show that the risk of transmission by children is extremely low, especially in this state, which has an extremely low positivity rate. We spoke with the CDC, and since they're not going to change their guidance for several weeks in New York State, we're going to modify the CDC guidance and allow schools to choose no mask outside for children," Governor Cuomo said. "We'll leave that up to the local school district and we spoke to the CDC, which has no objection. It's very important that people understand the logic between these decisions and that they're rational and based on the science and the data. We have a disconnect right now between the school guidance and the camp guidance, and it's important to rectify it because if people don't think the rules are logical, then they're not going to want to follow the rules."

On May 24, Governor Cuomo announced that based on the current COVID trajectory, all New York State schools will reopen for full in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year beginning in September.

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO REOPEN



The Center for Active Older Adults, a senior center operated by Sunnyside Community Services in Sunnyside, Queens, will reopen to in-person activities on Monday, June 14. It will mark the first time the Center has opened for indoor activities since March 13, 2020, when the facility closed to protect its members from Covid-19. The resumption of in-person activities at the Center will allow seniors to reconnect, socialize with friends, and participate in educational programs and activities. It is an important step in bringing the lives of seniors in New York City back to pre-pandemic normalcy.

The Center for Active Older Adults will offer in-person activities by appointment on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am – noon and 2 – 4 pm. Due to social distancing requirements, capacity will be limited to approximately 35 seniors per session, down from a pre-pandemic average of 200 seniors per day. Virtual activities will continue to be offered. Grab-and-go lunches will be provided to seniors from noon – 1 pm on weekdays. Seniors who want help with benefits or need to speak to a social worker or case worker can make an appointment for in-person case assistance. Appointments for activities and case assistance can be made by calling 929-335-7884.

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HOW TO FIND A GOOD MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

by Stan Popovich

Many people have a difficult time in finding an effective mental health counselor that will help them get their life back on track.

The key is to find someone that you can trust in discussing your anxieties and depression.

With this in mind, here are seven suggestions on how to find a great mental health counselor that works for you.

1. Talk to your doctor or primary care physician: Your medical or family doctor is a great source in finding a therapist. Explain to your doctor your problems and he or she can point you in the right direction in seeking the proper treatment. Your primary care physician may even know of some low-cost services that you can use to your advantage.

2. Go to your local hospital: Your local hospital is another source you can use to find a good counselor and they also know of many different mental health programs in your area. Your emergency center can also handle your situation right away if you are struggling with fear and anxiety. This is just a few examples on the importance of getting mental health assistance in your life.

3. Ask your friends and relatives for advice: Use your network of friends and relatives to see if they know of any reputable counselors that are nearby. Many churches and nonprofit agencies offer a variety of mental health programs in your area. Asking the people who attend these groups may be aware of some programs.

4. Join a local mental health support group: Go to a support group in your area and ask if anyone knows of a therapist that can help you with your mental health issues. Many people who are active in these groups will be able to give you some names of people in the area that can help you out. In addition, the people in these groups will be able to relate to your situation.

5. Find a counselor that you can work with: When asking for a therapist, always ask for someone who has a good reputation. Remember that finding a counselor to help you depends on how you interact with them and how they interact with you. It may take a couple of times to find the right person, but do not give up. Finding the right person will pay off for you in the long run.

6. Measure your progress: The key components of having an effective therapist is affordability, the ability to effectively talk to your counselor, and how effective they are in finding the answers to your current problems. Remember that your main goal is to find the answers that will help get rid of your mental health issues.

7. Do what is best for you: Choose a mental health professional that you feel comfortable talking to and then go from there. You can always change counselors down the road so don't pressure yourself if things don't work out. If you do not see any improvement in your mental health after a couple of months, you may want to find someone else who can help reduce your fears, anxieties, and depression.



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CHILD PROTECTION: SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

On the morning drive to take my husband to work, he briefed me on a news story involving a child of 6 in California who was shot. I had just read a day or two before about a 10 year old who was shot in Queens. Random acts of senseless violence are all too familiar and difficult to prevent if decision makers and policymakers don't come to terms with the root causes; therefore, *this* class of child endangerment is for another discussion. My hope in this article is to shed light on the instances where prevention and intervention might save a child from maltreatment, neglect or accidental injury. Although my record of working with these issues spans at least four decades, I regret that many of the problems that were worked on many years ago persist, with the addition of some new threats and risk factors. For example, how likely is a child to be subject to parental neglect as a result of a caregiver's over-attention to their cell phone or social media? This newer phenomenon is just as lethal and damaging as other forms of neglect if it summons inattention to a child's safety or emotional needs. It is both sad and inexcusable that in one of the richest countries in the world, so many children continue to be in jeopardy. The death of parents, or the unfortunate situation of a child being placed in foster care because of the inability of parents to care for them are examples of times when children are very vulnerable and at-risk. Over the past year, we have seen how the pandemic has produced added stress on families and induced a great deal of emotional pain for children. The desperate situation of children being left or brought by families to the southern border of the United States in search of refuge is yet another instance of children in need of protection. Unfortunately, unsupervised or unsupported children at-large in our society, frames a picture of potential for exploitation and harm. At times, I may forget that this is a picture that not everyone sees or wants to address; yet, we must.

Recalling my years of service as the Director of Clinical Consultation at the Administration for Children's Services here in New York City, I managed an elite cadre of clinicians with specialties that were selected

to provide consultation and support to child protective staff in decisions regarding mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, health and child development. I worked with contract agencies that represented distinguished organizations such as the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; New York Foundling; the Child Center of New York, formerly called Queens Child Guidance, and Bellevue Hospital among others. During that time, I got a close-up look at child protection; one that, at times, made me want to look away so I am not surprised by the reluctance to dig our heels in to problem solve the issues that put children at-risk for harm. In the years since doing that important work, I am still stunned each time I hear that another child suffers from the inadequacies of our response to their urgent and often unmet needs.

Over the past year during the pandemic, I have read news of the heightened safety risks related to children in families facing distress due to illness, job loss and unmanaged stress. There were other compelling reasons that resulted in my writing about this subject. Just last week, I read a news article entitled: "Queens Activist Recounts Life in the Foster Care System" written by Dean Moses dated June 2nd, 2021. In it, a community activist who refers to himself as "IAMQUEENS" was interviewed and shared his story that led him into the foster care system. The article highlighted how he was "Born to troubled parents suffering from a strong drug dependency." He explained how he was fostered in a stable home by an elderly woman who nurtured him, but with her death he was placed in a succession of "23 different homes." It was in one of these homes that a foster brother sexually abused him and this same older brother later forced "IAMQUEENS" into sex trafficking and "underage sex work." The added horror is that upon fleeing this situation, he entered a final foster home where the foster father "held his financial support hostage;" and in the last chapter of this saga, he stated that he "aged out of the foster care system and was given the parting gift of a MetroCard."

I read a second article just this week with a headline that opened with the words: "

'Child In Crisis' Interventions on the Rise..." This refers to reports by New York City public schools that disproportionately involve "Black students and students with severe disabilities." I was at least pleased to find that the article centered on the work of Advocates for Children, a well-established non-profit organization focused on education and bringing attention to relevant data to promote positive change. Many years ago, Advocates for Children was located at Queens Plaza. They have long since moved and are now located at 151 West 30th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10001 (212-947-9779) and continue to "work on behalf of children at greatest risk for school-based discrimination," protecting each child's right to an education for 50 years. They also are engaged in policy advocacy and litigation including attention for issues related to bullying; foster care, equitable treatment for differently challenged youngsters and students in temporary housing. The article reports that "crisis interventions" where "an NYPD officer removes a child from a classroom in order that the child be transported to a hospital for psychological evaluation," has resulted in 12,000 incidents between 2016 and 2020; "over half of which involved kids between the age of four and twelve years old." Advocates for Children also reports that the number of incidents increased 24% in 2019. In 297 of the cases, it is reported that NYPD officers handcuffed children. Reports were disproportionately in lower-income communities of color. The data show that "3 five year olds; 7 six year olds and 23 seven year olds were forcibly removed from classrooms." My intent in sharing these findings is not to inflame racial tensions or to strategies focused on the needs of children in crisis. Advocates for Children has amplified demands to urge schools not to call 911 or Emergency Medical Services to take students to hospitals because it is deemed "not medically necessary." They also support the hiring of mental health staff and "funneling \$118 million" into the 2022 school budget. It was encouraging to read that the Department of Education spokesperson, Nathaniel Styer stated that "All students must return to healing-centered schools this fall and we are hiring 500 new social workers and adding over 100 more community schools to ensure every student has a caring adult to go to when in crisis."

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is often criticized and under fire for situations that are poorly handled resulting in child deaths or instances of poor outcomes among children "in care;" however they have had some excellent initiatives that require community and public support related to preventing accidental injury to children. They have produced safe sleep materials for the prevention of "roll-over" deaths and presentations on "shaken baby syndrome," infant mental health; window guards as well as many other potential hazards. While still at ACS, I sent out copies of the materials to many community-based organizations and urged the public to become "deputized" as local ambassadors asking them to "Help Us Help." One agency cannot do this work alone. I asked people to share the health and safety messages in their community centers, places of worship, recreational programs and civic organizations to educate and inform while spreading the message of child protection. Parent-teacher groups are another excellent resource for engaging the community.

Other major areas that endanger children are parental mental health issues and domestic violence. In 2003, I spoke at a conference on "Motherhood and Mental Illness" where the theme was empowering parents with services and support. Untreated

mental illness can indeed create peril for children, so the effort needs to be on providing appropriate services and supports to both the adults and children. Domestic violence also presents real dangers for children and there have been some excellent intervention models that engage families in medical settings, asking the questions that might reveal family violence or intimate partner violence. When celebrities come forth to share their experiences, the public can better understand the nature of some of these problems. Joe Torre, formerly with the New York Yankees, shared his experiences of growing up in a household where there was domestic violence, and he went even further to create the "Safe at Home Foundation." Dominic Carter, a former news anchor on NY1 wrote a book entitled "No Momma's Boy" describing childhood abuse from his mentally ill mother. Comedian Tiffany Haddish openly shares her experiences of entering foster care at age 12 and said: "You're dropped in these strangers' houses, you don't know these people and they don't know you, you don't know if they are gonna hurt you, if they're gonna be kind, you don't have a clue what's going on." She described having her belongings in garbage bags and this was certainly a reality of moving children through the system. Hopefully, it has changed. In an interview with David Letterman, she shared how at an early age "she resolved to do everything in her power to make sure kids don't feel like "garbage" during those transitions. Certainly, we can apply this to the children at the southern border. Not all foster homes are horrible. Actress Victoria Rowell spoke at ACS about her foster care experience in her memoir entitled: "The Women Who Raised Me." She put her advocacy and solutions to work in a scholarship fund that supports foster youth in California; partially addressing the economic impact of aging out of foster care.

The bottom line is that *we can do better in protecting children*, and *we must* in order to remain a free society focused on the values of human decency and respect for life. *We need all of those running for political office and those leaders in our communities to give rigorous attention to protecting our children from exploitation, neglect and multiple forms of abuse and interpersonal trauma.* Oprah has collaborated with trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry and others to share the stories of trauma that are far more pervasive than one might think; along with pathways to healing. Lady Gaga shared her account of sexual abuse as a younger person on Instagram as part of Oprah's launch into the area of trauma that includes a book entitled: "What Happened to You? That she co-authored with Dr. Bruce Perry. She is also probing the area of mental illness. There are many others, like Dr. Margaret McHugh with a long history as a champion of child safety and pediatric care at places that include Bellevue Hospital and NYU Langone. For one hundred years the Floating Hospital (718-784-2240) has been safeguarding children and families. Resources for help are available through NYC Well (1-888-NYC-WELL); the New York Mental Health Association (212-614-6300); include NYC (formerly Resources for Children with Special Needs/212-677-4650); the Single Parent Resource Center, Inc. (347-345-0288); Office of Substance and Abuse Services (OASAS/646-728-4533) and Safe Horizon for Domestic Violence (212-678-1050) which all represent parts of the safety net for children in need of protection. Strengthening our capacity to grow more forms of help and support is the challenge of a future that demands that we take a meaningful stand to truly protect children.

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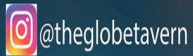
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UTILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT: PROVIDING RENT RELIEF FOR TENANTS EXPERIENCING OUTAGES

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the Senate will pass his NYCHA Utility Accountability Act, which pro-rates rent for NYCHA tenants who experience long-term water, gas, electric, and heat outages. The legislation was prompted by a three-month long gas outage experienced by tenants at Astoria Houses in Senator Gianaris' district.

"Months-long utility outages are unacceptable for any New Yorker, whether in private or public housing," said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. "NYCHA residents should not be expected to pay full rent, which typically includes utilities, when they are not receiving the service. My proposal would ensure we treat all our neighbors with respect and create financial urgency for NYCHA to make needed repairs on a faster timeline. I am pleased the Senate is passing this legislation."

"I am proud to see that the NYCHA Utility Accountability Act has passed in the Senate championed by my colleague Senator Michael Gianaris. I commend the Senator and Deputy Majority Leader for his work and commitment to public housing residents. I will press forward for its passage in the Assembly. NYCHA anchors working class-families by facilitating access to critical social and community services – and our neighbors living in NYCHA housing deserve reliable utilities and elected public servants that will hold the agency to a high standard. This reimagining and reform to NYCHA through legislation is in direct alignment with a continued push for an \$80 million investment in NYCHA infrastructure at the federal level," said Assembly Member Khaleel M. Anderson, who carries the bill in the Assembly.

Senator Gianaris' NYCHA Utility Accountability Act would reduce a tenant's rent obligation in an amount prorated per day of utility outage by the greater of 10% of the tenant's actual rent or \$75 per month. Affected utilities include gas, heat, water, and electric service. In addition to providing relief for impacted tenants, this legislation would provide a financial incentive to fix service more quickly.

Senator Gianaris has been a longtime advocate of improving quality of life for NYCHA tenants. He has secured major funding for a job training program for NYCHA residents through a partnership with LaGuardia Community College and Urban Upbound. When NYCHA failed to successfully test for lead in Queensbridge Houses, Senator Gianaris went in and performed tests himself and pushed for faster lead testing in these developments.

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The NYS Senate passed legislation (S.6194B and S.5148), co-sponsored by NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., to establish a three-digit, 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system and the "Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag" as the official state flag for raising awareness of veteran suicide.

"Suicide amongst our veterans remains a legislative priority for me and is a critical issue in New York State. The past year has exacerbated the problem for many individuals who felt isolated and overwhelmed as a result of the pandemic," said Addabbo, a member of the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee. "Raising awareness, along with expanding services like the new 9-8-8 hotline, will help those in need find critical support before it's too late," added the Senator.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in New York. In 2020, for every 100,000 New Yorkers, 8.28 lose their life to suicide. For people between the ages of 10 and 34, suicide is the second leading cause of death and for individuals between 35 and 54, suicide is the fourth leading cause of death. Nationally, roughly 6,000 veterans die each year due to suicide, with younger veterans, up to age 24, taking their lives at a higher rate than older veterans.

"The 9-8-8 number will make it easier for individuals at risk for suicide, as well as those experiencing mental health and substance abuse crises, to connect directly to trained suicide prevention counselors," Addabbo said. "The Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag will raise awareness of veteran suicide while helping us remember and honor those who have served and fallen victim to suicide."

Both bills were approved by the Senate and are now being considered in the Assembly.

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Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. has partnered with Queens County Farm Museum to open the first farmstand located in front of Queens Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY.

Running July 1 through November 4, the weekly farmstand will be open from 10AM to 3PM each Thursday, weather permitting. Only 8.2 miles from Queens Farm to Borough Hall, Queens Farm shortens the distance from farm to farmstand featuring hyper locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other farm products.

The Borough Hall farmstand will also serve as a food scrap drop-off location. Food scraps collected will be brought back to Queens Farm for composting. Centrally located, the Borough Hall farmstand is accessible from the E/F train, LIRR, three highways — the Grand Central, Jackie Robinson and Van Wyck — and 16 MTA bus stops less than one mile from Queens Borough Hall.

Queens Farm grows over 200 varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. The farm's 2021 crop plan includes 30 new varieties of produce such as: artichokes, Mardi Gras (blend of bush beans), beet greens, Eastern Magic broccoli, Merlot Napa cabbage, celery, collard greens, cucamelons, ginger, Coastal Star lettuce, mini honeydew, mini watermelon, Carmine Splendor okra (red), Poblano peppers, Sugar Rush Cream hot pepper, red potatoes, Yukon potatoes, pie pumpkin, strawberry spinach, patty pan squash, spaghetti squash, acorn squash, two new sweet potato varieties, two new tomato varieties, one new cherry tomato variety, turmeric, and the herb Zaatar.

Last year, Queens Farm harvested 21,600 pounds, 10,400 units of food and produced 3,500 dozen eggs, 600 pounds of honey, 225 packages of herbal tea and 100 skeins of yarn, all from its own resources. This year, Queens Farm is on track to increase food production by at least 30%.

The farmstand at Borough Hall is Queens Farm's third farmstand in Queens. Queens Farm hosts an onsite farmstand in Floral Park and a second farmstand in partnership with Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in front of the hospital's "Axel" Building at 134-20 Jamaica Avenue. Each of the three farmstands will showcase produce grown on Queens Farm's 47-acre site in Floral Park, Queens. Queens Farm accepts multiple forms of nutrition assistance programs such as SNAP/ EBT benefits, WIC, FMNP Checks, Health Bucks Fresh Connect Checks along with cash, credit and debit cards at each location.

"We saw food insecurity hit record highs during the COVID-19 pandemic, exposing a true need for access throughout our borough. Thanks to this effort with the Queens County Farm Museum, we are providing access in front of Queens Borough Hall to locally grown nutritious food," said Borough President RICHARDS. "As we bounce back from the fallout of this pandemic, we must continue to ensure we do all we can to put fruits and vegetables on Queens families' tables."

Dating back to 1697, Queens Farm's 47-acre site is one of the longest continually farmed sites in New York State. It is the largest tract of farmland, the only farm that houses a full range of livestock and home to the largest single apiary in New York City. Queens Farm has been feeding hungry New Yorkers for over 300 years. The partnership with Borough President Richards supports the mutual goal of providing expanded access to locally grown produce and encouraging Queens residents to eat their veggies.

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SUMMONS WITH NOTICE: PYATT Vs.PYATT, SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS; INDEX NO.702748/2021; DOUGLAS J. PYATT, Plaintiff, against DARLENE PYATT, Defendant; Summons with Notice in divorce action; venue based upon Plaintiff's residence, cause of action is abandonment. You are summoned to appear in this action by serving a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney, Thomas P.McNulty, Esq., 305 Broadway, 7th.Floor, New York, NY.10007, tel.(347)531-0718 within 30 days after service is completed, and if you fail to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default.

To the above named Defendant, the Summons is served upon you by Order of Hon.Anna Culley, a justice of this court, granted on June 2, 2021. The nature of the ancillary relief demanded is: The Defendant may resume use of her maiden name, Britt, or any other former surname. The provisions of DRL Sec.236 Part B Section 2 (Automatic Orders Notice), DRL Sec.255 (Health Insurance Notice), Notice of Guideline Maintenance and Notice of Electronic Filing shall apply. The court shall grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and proper. The relief sought is a Judgment of Divorce. 6/11/21, 6/18/21, 6/25/21

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GUN BUY BACK EVENT

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, along with New York Attorney General Leticia James and the New York City Police Department will sponsor a Gun Buy Back event this Saturday, June 12th, at St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

District Attorney Katz said, "In these difficult days, it is important that we continue to come together as a community to reject the notion that the scourge of guns is insurmountable. We must take every step we can. Every gun surrendered this Saturday is a potential life saved."

The Gun Buy Back event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church, 136-20 219th Street in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

Those with firearms are invited to surrender them – no questions asked. For each operable handgun turned in, the reward is an iPad (while supplies last) and a \$200 bank card. A \$25 reward is given to anyone turning in a BB gun or air pistol. Participants can collect a \$75 bank card for any rifle or shotgun. A single person can turn in as many firearms as they have, however, the reward is a maximum of three \$200 bank cards per individual. The bank cards can be used as a debit card for purchases with merchants or at ATMs to get cash.

The DA stressed that this event is 100 percent anonymous. There will be no questions asked about the firearm surrendered.

Participants should bring the unloaded weapon in a paper or plastic bag or inside of a shoe box to the church. If transporting by car, the gun must be placed in the trunk of the vehicle.

This event is also sponsored by Gateway JFK, St. Luke Cathedral of Laurelton, St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church and the New York City Police Foundation.

Please note that, weapons from gun dealers and active or retired law enforcement will not be accepted.

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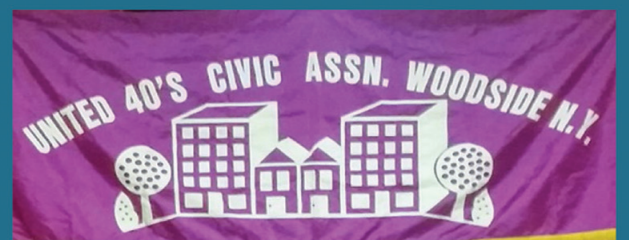
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