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New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch announced a citywide expansion of the NYPD's Quality of Life Division — a strategic public safety initiative launched in April 2025 to address everyday issues that impact New Yorkers' sense of safety and well-being.

In the first 60 days of the pilot program — launched in the 13th, 40th, 60th, 75th, and 101st precincts, along with Police Service Area 1 — the NYPD responded to more than 7,500 emergency 911 and 311 quality-of-life calls, issued over 6,100 summonses, and made 357 arrests. During the same period, average 311 response times in those areas improved by more than 16 minutes. Building on those results, the NYPD will now expand Quality of Life Teams — or Q-Teams — to every precinct and public housing command in the five boroughs. The rollout will occur in two phases, beginning in July and continuing in August.

"Keeping New Yorkers safe and tackling quality-of-life issues has been our North Star since day one — that is why we launched the NYPD Quality of Life Division, and it's why we're expanding it across the city today," said Mayor Adams. "The first 60 days of this pilot has been a resounding success; in just the six pilot commands, the Quality of Life Division has answered the call from our communities more than 7,500 times — handling thousands of 911 and 311 complaints, issuing over 6,100 summonses, making more than 350 arrests, and removing hundreds of illegally parked vehicles, illegal mopeds, and scooters. Today, we are continuing to sweep out crime and deliver on safety by expanding this program citywide because every New Yorker deserves to live in a neighborhood that is safe from gun violence, that has clean streets, and that is free from illegal activities — and we are delivering that to them every day, everywhere."

The Quality of Life Division brings together specially trained officers from across the NYPD — including neighborhood coordination officers, youth coordination officers, and traffic safety officers — into focused Q-Teams dedicated to resolving chronic conditions in neighborhoods. These teams operate at the precinct level, led by a Quality of Life Division sergeant and reporting directly to precinct leadership.

Officers will continue to receive specialized training in addressing non-emergency issues like noise complaints, derelict vehicles, illegal vending, outdoor drug use, reckless scooter riding, and encampments. In addition to enforcement tools, Q-Teams are trained in discretionary responses and alternative solutions tailored to specific conditions.

Each Q-Team is backed by the division's Analytics and Support Unit, which monitors trends and 311 data to assist direct operations. Monthly Q-Stat meetings — modeled after CompStat — review outcomes, identify areas of concern, and drive accountability across precincts.

The citywide expansion will also deepen collaboration between the Quality of Life Division and the NYPD's Community Affairs Bureau, ensuring more responsive engagement with residents and businesses. The goal is to make sure every New Yorker feels seen, heard, and safe in their community.

NYC311 is a non-emergency service that allows residents to report issues and request city services. This latest phase of the NYPD Quality of Life Division supports the department's mission of keeping every New Yorker in every borough safe through police and community partnership. As seen through the pilot program, the expanded Quality of Life Division will continue to work with precinct personnel and the Community Affairs Bureau, allowing for the direct deployment of resources to specific needs within their communities.

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that nearly three million New Yorkers will receive \$2.2 billion in tax relief this summer and fall through New York's School Tax Relief (STAR) program. STAR provides property tax relief to eligible homeowners and seniors statewide. While some STAR recipients have already received their benefit in the form of a tax exemption this year, many other recipients will receive their benefit as a tax credit and will be sent a check in the mail this summer and fall. Check deliveries will begin next week and will continue statewide throughout the coming months. Most homeowners eligible for a STAR credit will receive a check between \$350 and \$600. Most seniors eligible for an Enhanced STAR credit will receive a check between \$700 and \$1,500. STAR recipients can visit ny.gov/STAR to track their check delivery or enroll in direct deposit.

TAX RELIEF

Homeowners and seniors who are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program receive their benefit each year in one of two ways: as an exemption that reduces their school tax bill, or as a credit issued as a check or direct deposit.

The STAR benefits received by each recipient are based in part on local school taxes and vary based on the county in which the individual resides, among other factors.

Homeowners who are registered and eligible for the STAR credit can expect to receive their STAR credit before the deadline for their school taxes. Some parts of the state — including New York City, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse — have due dates in July and will receive their STAR benefits between the end of June and mid-July. Benefits across other parts of the state will continue to roll out statewide throughout the summer and fall.

Those who receive the STAR credit as a check or direct deposit can visit the STAR Credit Delivery Schedule to learn when credits will be issued in their area. Property owners who are looking for details about STAR credits that have already been issued should visit the Property Tax Credit Lookup.

Enroll in STAR Direct Deposit

Homeowners can enroll in the STAR Credit Direct Deposit program through the Homeowner Benefit Portal within the Tax Department's secure Online Services system. Homeowners will also be able to use the Homeowner Benefit Portal to manage their STAR benefits easily and efficiently.

The direct deposit option enables eligible STAR credit recipients to get their STAR credits without having to wait for and cash a check. To ensure homeowners receive their STAR credit by direct deposit this year, they should enroll as soon as possible. Homeowners who enroll fewer than 15 days before STAR credits are issued will receive a check this year and direct deposit will begin next year.

For more information about the STAR program, visit the Tax Department's STAR Resource Center.

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MANAGING YOUR FEARFUL AND OBSESSIVE THOUGHTS

by Stan Popovich

There are times that we encounter negative thoughts that can be overwhelming. For some people, the more they try to get rid of their thoughts, the stronger they become. As a result, here is a brief list of techniques that a person can use to help manage their obsessive thinking.

- 1. **Do not focus on your fearful thinking**: The first thing a person must do is not to dwell on the fear provoking thought when it comes. The more a person tries to reason out the fear behind the thought, the stronger it becomes. The next time you encounter a negative situation, get into the practice of not dwelling on it.
- 2. **Think of a red stop sign**: At times, a person might encounter a fearful thought that may be difficult to manage. When this happens, visualize a red stop sign which can serve as a reminder to think about something else. Regardless of how scary your negative thinking may be, do not dwell on it. This technique is great in dealing with your negative situations and depression.
- 3. It's only fear: The difference between an obsessive thought and a regular one is that an obsessive thought is based on fear. With this in mind, try to find the source of the fear behind your negative thinking and then find ways to get rid of your worries.
- 4. Your thoughts are exaggerated: Sometimes, a person may encounter a lot of scary thoughts coming at them all at once. Instead of getting upset, remember that your negative thinking is exaggerated with worry. Ignore the fear behind these obsessive thoughts, regardless how strong the fear may be.
- 5. Challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking: When encountering thoughts that make you fearful or depressed, challenge them by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Focus on the reality of your situation and not on your negative thinking.
- 6. Carry a small notebook of positive statements with you: A person should keep a small notebook of positive statements that makes them feel good. Whenever they come across a positive and uplifting verse that makes them happy, write it down in a small notebook. A person can then carry this notebook around in their pocket and whenever they feel anxious, they can read their notebook.
- 7. **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 situation. In addition, you will not feel overwhelmed with everything if you focus on one thing at a time.
- 8. Get help: 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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GETTING TO THE POINT

Here's a riddle: What magical product can record your thoughts, present your opinion, and help you pass some of life's tests? But if you make a mistake, can it also correct you instantly?

Of course, I'm talking about the # 2 pencil. Not # 1 or # 3....only # 2, which many educators recommend. Did you ever wonder where the modern pencil came from? I didn't either, but I looked it up anyway. Way back in 1564, somebody discovered a huge deposit of graphite in Borrowdale, England. Somebody else discovered how to wrap that substance in wood...and that led to the modern pencil.

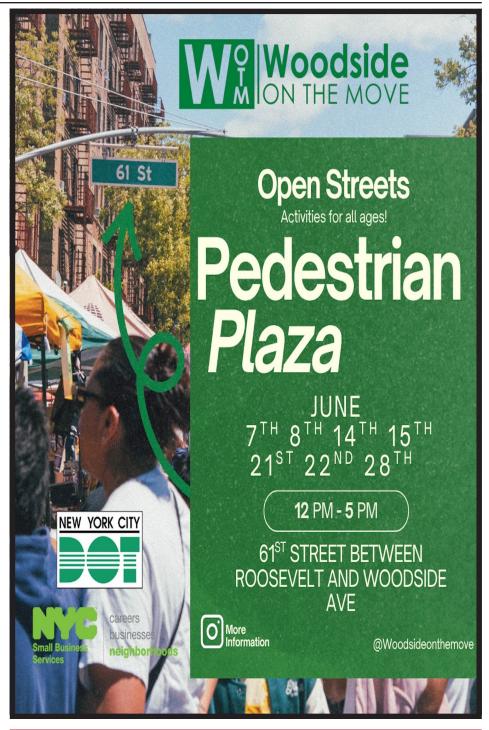
Many people say the writing substance in pencils is lead, but that's wrong. Graphite just looks sort of like lead. So, those coaches who told me to "get the lead out" were very wrong. I would tell them so today, but I no longer play sports...and my coaches no longer coach. Graphite was a substance that could be mixed with clay in various ratios to create "hardness." The #2 model pencil created a distinct line without smudging. So, it became the ideal choice for the standardized tests so many of us took in school.

Over the years, I've taken lots of tests with # 2 pencils. I've written lots of wrong answers. But thanks to the eraser on the pencil's other end, I've corrected some of those errors. Over 400 years on earth, and the old # 2 is still as sharp as it ever. I wish I could say that about myself.

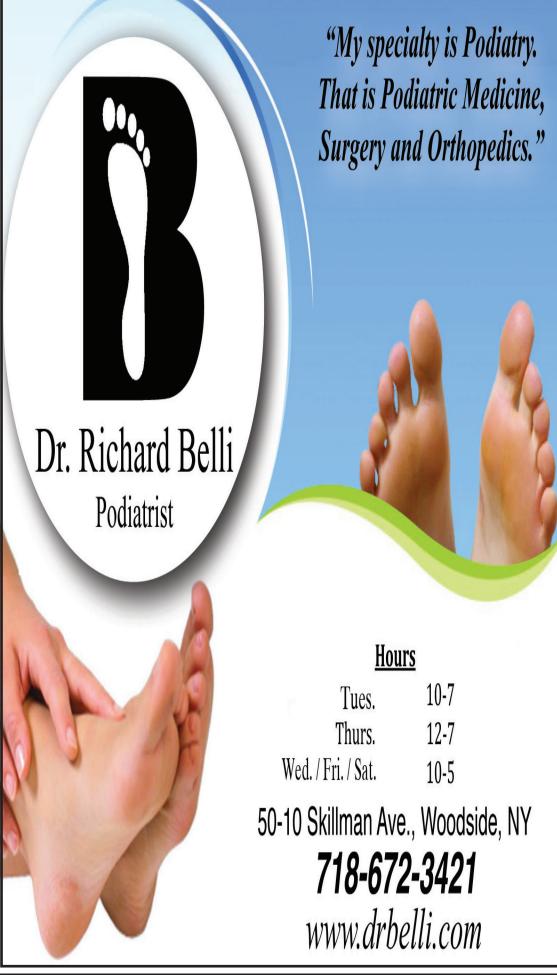














GEAR UP FOR SUMMER RIDES!

by Cyclo Pete

Happy summer solstice, Woodside riders! As of printing, today is the longest day of the year and officially marks the start of summer 2025. This is the season of long rides: to the beach, a waterfront picnic, to an outdoor concert. Complain about the

heat all you want, summer is still my favorite time to ride. But as always you need to be prepared. Read on for some suggestions to take on your first summer ride!

Stuff To Pack

Plan your ride carefully, looking at the forecast and dressing with appropriate moisture wicking clothing and breathable shoes, or strapped sandals. If you take nothing else, take a bottle of water. It's best if you have a bottle rack on your frame since this will likely be your heaviest item. If you absolutely need to take a bag, consider availing yourself of a fanny pack, now that they're totally back in style! Here you can stuff in a small tube of sunscreen, sunglasses, protein snacks, and your light packable jacket. Pack light but pack smart so you're ready for whatever your summer ride throws at you.

Pace Yourself

Unless you're biking purely for exercise, take advantage of the great weather and long nights that summer brings. Pace yourself. If you're biking for several hours, consider biking past areas that will have convenient rest stops where you can grab a bite or refill your water bottle. Another advantage of pacing yourself is that you do have the option of turning back if you bite off more than you can chew or the weather turns on you. You can start out slowly and get a 10 or 15 mile ride in with multiple breaks, and build up to your 30 to 50 mile ride later in the summer. One of the great things about biking is that you really can get far pretty fast if you limit your breaks.

Are you ready for your first summer ride? For me nothing beats the concept of putting on a pair of shorts and a tank top and riding until I get tired enough to turn back. There are plenty of great ride opportunities in our area, and we'll go through some ride ideas in the next column. Until then, happy summer, and ride safe, Woodside!



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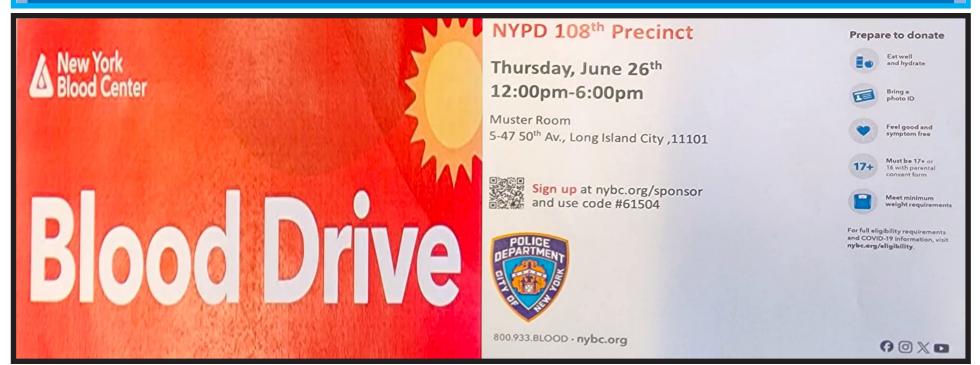
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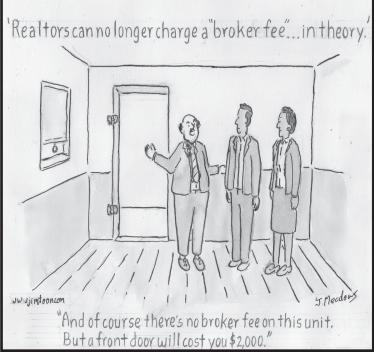
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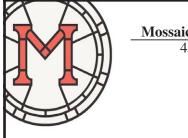




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or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 171-27 108th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11433 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Florence Neals Coleman Calloway Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Kevin J. Kerrigan of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Second day of May, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Cedelle Calloway (who died on March 13, 2018, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) and Louis Calloway (who died on November 27, 2022, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) dated the October 4, 2006, to secure the sum of \$544,185.00 and recorded CRFN at 2006000610122 in the City Register of the City of New York, Oueens County on November 1. 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed November 3, 2010 and recorded on November 23, 2010, in the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2010000394385. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 24, 2011 and recorded on July 27, 2011, in the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2011000265071. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 1, 2016 and recorded on April 7, 2016, in the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at

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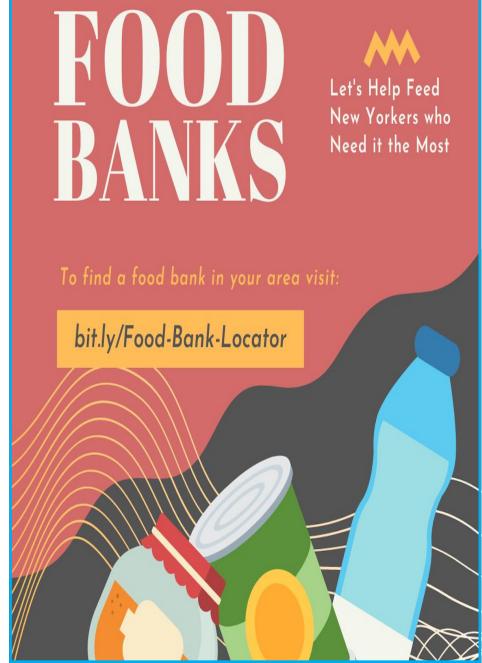


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