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"WE ARE FAMILY" MURAL RESTORED

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

After nine years, the beloved "We Are Family" mural in Astoria has been restored. It is displayed on the side of the Eighth Street Mini Mart at 8-01 Astoria Blvd for all to see as they pass. Community residents and volunteers undertook the effort to restore the mural because it stands as a symbol of unity and strength in an era of great change. With so many alterations to the community, it was felt that the mural provides a sense of continuity and a changeless spirit that creates connection and a sense of belonging. Community leader Eric Mathews noted that, "In this current climate, it is important to bring back the family feeling more than ever." He also remarked that there is a high level of "doubt and fear" about the future that is circulating among so many people. He and the others involved in the project recognized that the effort to mobilize the community in this restoration project provided a positive boost. Local artist Ron Hall led the team of volunteers that included a cross-section of residents from the Astoria area. Shaun Leonardo of Socrates Sculpture Park approved the use of some equipment and labor for the effort. Store owner of the Eighth Street Mini Mart, Julio Tejada gave his full support to the project. The painstaking work on a very hot weekend demonstrated the desire to see the message of unity and family emerge as a beacon in the midst of current challenges and changes. It is my belief that such actions fuel our collective capacity to be resilient and devoted to the values that sustain our nation.

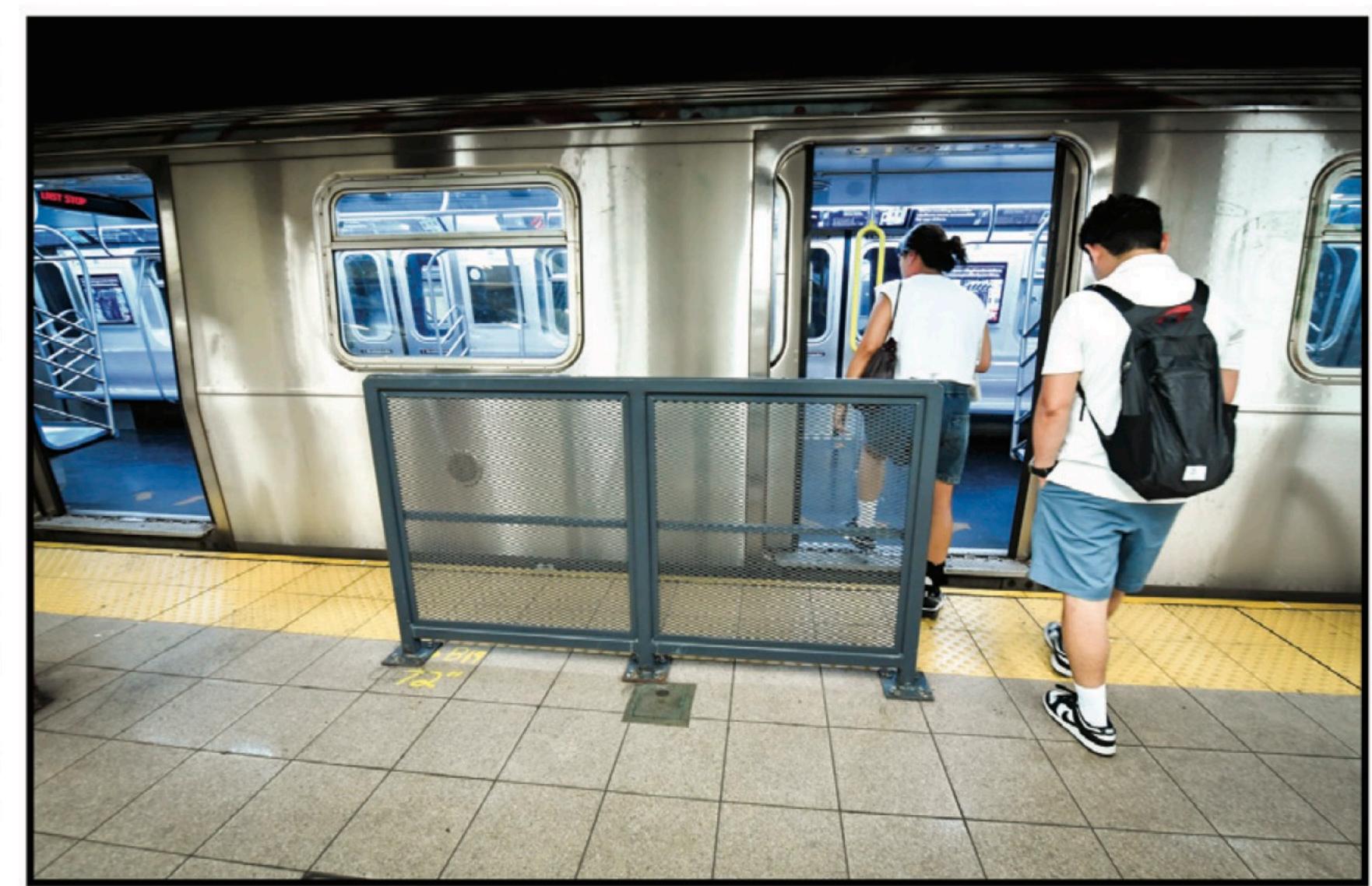


PROTECTIVE PLATFORM BARRIERS

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has installed protective platform edge barriers at 56 subway stations. Halfway through 2025, the MTA is on track to deliver on Governor Hochul's 2025 State of the State direction to install barriers at more than 100 subway stations by the end of the year. This directive is part of a larger set of initiatives Governor Hochul announced in her State of the State address to protect subway riders and workers. The MTA continues to upgrade station lighting with brighter, safer LED bulbs. LEDs are now installed in 342 stations, on schedule for all 472 subway stations to be upgraded by the end of the year. Safety in the subway system continues to improve with overall major crimes dropping by 3 percent from the same period last year and by almost 10 percent when compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Recent customer surveys have shown that 59 percent of riders wanted the installation of protective platform barriers throughout the system — including 88 percent of riders over the age of 65. A majority of respondents have also noted that they believe the presence of platform barriers in the station makes them feel safer and believe the barriers will protect against falls onto the tracks. Platform barriers are built and installed using in-house New York City Transit (NYCT) labor with in-house machinery in a NYCT facility resulting in lower costs and a faster installation timeline.

The selection of stations for the installation process prioritizes feasibility, including stations with standard car-stopping positions in segments of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, F, M and L trains. Among these train lines, stations with higher ridership levels and island platforms are prioritized.



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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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BELLS, BELLS, **AND MORE BELLS**

by Rix Quinn

Every day, every hour...those annoying bells. Bells ruled my life at home and in school. The first sound each morning came from my alarm clock. It didn't stop until I pushed a button. That is hard to find with your eyes closed. When we kids got to school, we raced into the classroom before the tardy bell rang. A tardy citation could go on the "permanent record." Where is that record? Who knows? I always feared that someone would discover that - in addition to several tardies - I had released a bunch of mice in my fifth-grade classroom.

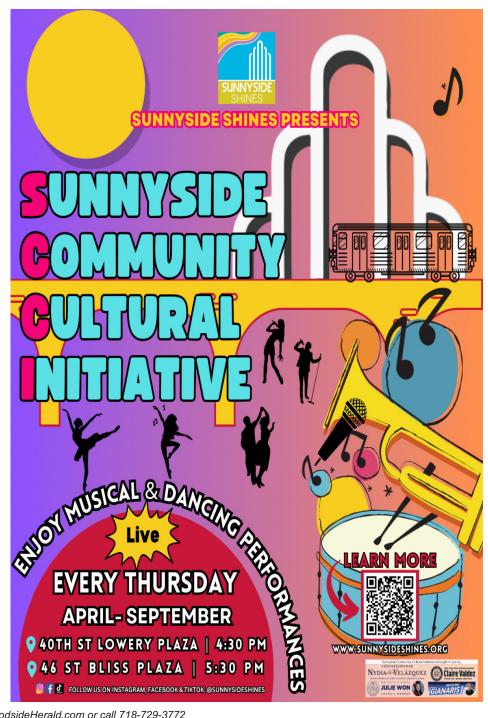
Even in my earliest school years, there were certain bell sequences to remember. Three bells meant a fire drill. The teacher would march us out of the building. Two later bells meant we could come back to the room. Four rings meant the bell system broke. And then there were tornado warning bells. That was three long rings, followed by either a return to the classroom, or hiding in the school basement. By third grade we started spelling contests. If a kid missed a word, the teacher tapped a small bell on her desk. Several of us would miss the first word, so her bell rang so much it sounded like a fire truck.

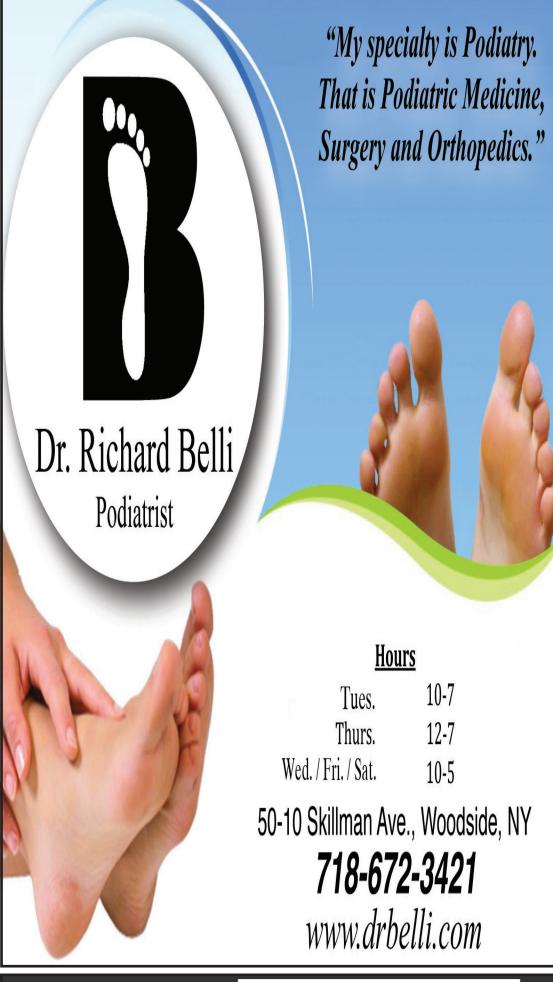
In high school, bells rang to signal the end of achievement tests. It always rang when I was halfway through, meaning I showed little achievement. In the last four decades, several products that used to ring like bells now just chime. So, last night when somebody rang my doorbell, I thought my microwave dinner was ready.













AFTERSCHOOL FOR ALL

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Keith Howard announced the first 40 new after-school program sites providing 5,000 new K-5 after-school seats to New York City students beginning this September, putting New York City on the path to universal after-school in the next three school years. The 37 New York City Public Schools locations and three public charter school locations were selected based on economic need and service gaps in those communities. The \$21-million investment will bring the initial new seats online this fall, and marks the first step in delivering Mayor Adams' vision of "After-School for All." The ambitious \$331-million commitment made by the Adams administration will support the addition of 20,000 new after-school seats over the next three school years, bringing the total number of public-school students served by universal after-school programming to 184,000 with a total investment of \$755 million annually, baselined by FY 2028.

"Every parent knows that learning doesn't just take place in the classroom, but, for too long, too many families did not have access to affordable child care and during after-school hours. But building a safer, more affordable city starts with creating a safe space for our young New Yorkers to learn," said Mayor Adams. "Less than three months after we announced our ambitious goal of delivering universal after-school to families with 20,000 additional seats, we are delivering on that promise with our first batch of 5,000 new after-school seats for the upcoming school year that starts in just a matter of weeks. Universal after-school will make life easier for a total of 169,000 students and their parents this fall who will no longer have to choose between work and taking care of their kids — or worse yet, using an iPad as a babysitter. Working-class New Yorkers deserve nothing less than a hard-working administration that puts their needs first, and today's announcement builds on our increased and baselined funding for 3-K and special education pre-K, a historic child care pilot for children two years old and younger, and reduced child care costs. Every day, we are working to make New York City the best place to raise a family, and it is exactly by delivering promises like The selected new locations can be found on DYCD's After-School webpage.

The total number of public-school students served by after-school programming will rise to 184,000 by the 2027-2028 school year, with an overall investment of \$755 million annually that will then be baselined going forward. DYCD will assess the ongoing need and add slots if necessary. The expansion also includes the first request for proposals in over a decade, in an effort to enhance and improve programs for New York City youth, as well as raise provider rates to stabilize the non-profit organizations leading these programs and better support the workforce who serve New York City's youth. Additionally, the Adams administration will form a commission for universal after-school by engaging providers and community stakeholders to develop a sustainable, long-term system that ensures non-profit organizations are able to continue to hire and train staff and deliver quality programming.





YOU'RE INVITED to NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



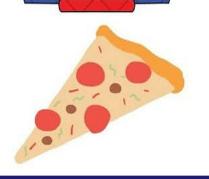
Come Join the NYPD and the 108th Precinct Community Council

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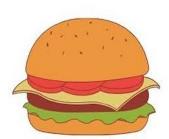
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 tightness, or chest pain much of the time or need a daily
 medication for asthma to control your symptoms
 Have not received a cooling unit in the past five years through
 the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling
 Program.
- Program.
 Request installation at the permanent residential address on file with NY State of Health
 Agree to program terms and conditions

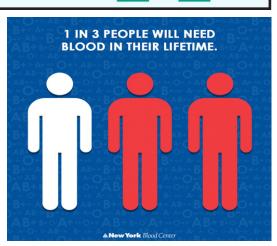


New York State Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is continuing to offer low-income households financial assistance towards purchasing an AC unit.

Scan for Application & Program Overview







NEW SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

 P.S. 150 and P.S. 343 The Children's Lab School have new crossing guards.

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STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 702399/2025 Date Filed: 06/17/2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is: The location of real property being foreclosed. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, against BOBBIE SOLOMON, AS EXECUTRIX AND HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE BALDWIN A/K/A LONNIEL. BALDWIN; JACKIE BALDWIN, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE BALDWIN A/K/A LONNIE L. BALDWIN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law. next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be purchase, deceased, bу inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; SHARON MOORE, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE BALDWIN A/K/A LONNIE L. BALDWIN; GREGORY BALDWIN, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE BALDWIN A/K/A LONNIE L. BALDWIN; BRENDA BONDS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE BALDWIN A/K/A LONNIE L. BALDWIN: HOUSEHOLD FINANCE REALTY CORPORATION OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL

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YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100" inclusive, the name of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors. administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein,, Defendant(s). To the above named Defendants: 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 summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy

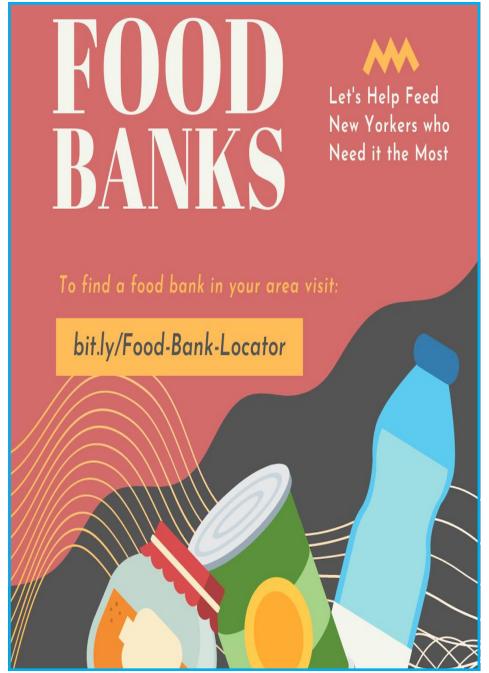
of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Kevin J Kerrigan, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Queens County, granted on the 5th day of June, 2025, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Queens County. The object of this action is to foreclose a consolidated mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by LONNIE BALDWIN to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., bearing date June 23, 2009 and recorded in 2010000053972 in the County of Queens on February 17, 2010. Said premises being known as and by 10015 203rd Street, Hollis, NY 11423, bearing tax map designation Block: 10870 Lot: 60, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1092-13447B 7/11/25, 7/18/25, 7/25/25, 8/1/25

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