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NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Jacqueline Langsam today joined FDNY Chief of Department Jonathan Esposito, the FDNY Ceremonial Guard, members of the Davidson family, and community members to cut the ribbon on the new Lt. Michael R. Davidson Playground in Sunnyside, Queens. The \$5.1 million project transformed the former site of the privately-owned Phipps Playground into a vibrant new public park featuring firefighter-themed play equipment, a spray shower area, a restored historic pavilion, and a commemorative flagpole honoring the Sunnyside native who gave his life in the line of duty in 2018.

"It is a profound honor to open this playground in memory of Lt. Michael R. Davidson, a son of Sunnyside who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his fellow New Yorkers," said NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Jacqueline Langsam. "In the same lot where Lt. Davidson once played as a child, families will now gather, children will discover the joy of play, and his legacy will be felt for generations to come. This park is a testament to what we owe our heroes, and we are grateful to the Davidson family, City Council, and the entire Sunnyside community for helping bring this vision to life."

"It is especially meaningful that this playground will bear Lieutenant Davidson's name," said Fire Commissioner Lillian Bon-signore. "It is a tribute to his service and sacrifice, and the community that helped shape him. Michael was an exceptional member of our Department. And while the firehouse was his second home, but this neighborhood was his first. He spent countless hours here as a child, and today, this park connects his beginnings to his legacy, ensuring that future generations will know the story of a true community hero."

"Today's ribbon cutting is about so much more than new equipment. It's about honoring the legacy of a Sunnyside hero in Lt. Michael Davidson that will far outlive his physical presence," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "This new firefighter-themed playground dedicated to Lt. Michael Davidson will not only be a place for our families to play and grow, but it will inspire generations of Sunnyside youth to live with purpose and serve others with pride. Thank you to NYC Parks for its work in bringing this playground to life and thank you to Lt. Davidson's family for sharing Michael with the city he loved and sacrificed for."

"This neighborhood will never forget Lt. Michael Davidson, and the impact he had on Sunnyside and Woodside. Lt. Davidson gave his life protecting his fellow New Yorkers, and it is an honor to name this park after him. This playground stands on the same grounds where he played as a child, and now generations of families will gather here in his name," said Council Member Julie Won. "This park is a small token of appreciation honoring Lt. Davidson and every firefighter who protects this city."

The project delivers a fully rebuilt public playground including new play equipment for children of all ages, complete with firefighter-themed play panels that pay tribute to Lt. Davidson's service and sacrifice. A spray play area with both vertical and in-ground water features gives children a place to cool off during warm summer months.

Upon entering the park through an expanded entrance, visitors can see a prominent commemorative flagpole honoring Lt. Davidson. A peaceful seating area along 39th Avenue offers a quiet retreat, while the restored historic pavilion features new game tables and picnic tables for community gatherings and events. A public restroom was also installed within the existing historic shed, ensuring visitors can enjoy uninterrupted time in the park. NYC Parks acquired the property in September 2019.

Born in Queens, Lt. Michael Davidson was a proud New Yorker and a second-generation FDNY firefighter who spent his entire 15-year career at Engine Company 69, Ladder 28, the same firehouse where his father served for 26 years. He grew up in the adjacent Phipps Garden Apartments and lost his life battling a five-alarm fire in Harlem on March 23, 2018. The playground now stands on the same grounds where he played as a child.

The \$5.1 million project was funded by the New York City Council and NYC Mayor's Office.



Photo courtesy of NYC Parks / Hannah Mrakovic

NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Jacqueline Langsam was joined by FDNY Chief of Department John M. Esposito, the FDNY Ceremonial Guard, members of the Davidson family, and community members for a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Lt. Michael R. Davidson Playground.

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# FACING THE FEAR AND ANXIETY OF THE UNKNOWN

by Stan Popovich

Almost everybody worries about what will happen in the future. The prospect of not knowing if something good or bad will happen can produce a lot of fear and anxiety. As a result, here are seven ways on how to deal with the fear of the unknown.

**1. No one can predict the future with one hundred percent certainty:** Even if the thing that you fear does happen there are circumstances and factors that you can't predict which can be used to your advantage. For instance, you miss the deadline for a project you have been working on. Everything you feared is coming true. Suddenly, your boss tells you that the deadline is extended and that he forgot to tell you the day before. This unknown factor changes everything.

**2. Take it one day at a time:** Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or coming months, 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. When the time comes, hopefully you will have learned the skills to deal with your situation. You can also use the help of God to get through each day.

**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. Take a break:** Take a deep breath and try to find something to do to get your mind off of your anxieties and stresses. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, watch TV, play on the computer, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things. This will distract you from your current worries.

**5. Challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking:** When encountering thoughts that make you fearful or depressed, challenge those thoughts by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Focus on the reality of your situation and not on your thoughts.

**6. Worrying can make the problem 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. If you still have trouble dealing with the fear of the future, then talking to a counselor or clergyman can be of great help.

**7. Get some help:** Sometimes, it helps to be able to talk to someone about your stressful situations. Talking to a trusted friend, counselor, or clergyman can give you additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. In time, you will become better able to deal with the fear of the unknown.

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## QUINN SIMPLE SCENES – CLASS REUNION

by Rix Quinn

The old guy in the grocery line looked about two coughing spells away from the Promised Land. Gnarled and unshaven, he mumbled to himself while the clerk totaled his bill. He noticed me as he reached into his pocket for change, and accidentally pulled out a set of teeth. “Hey,” he smiled, “remember me? I’m George, from biology class!” Suddenly, I remembered. Back in tenth grade, we dissected the same frog. Disgusting! George never comes to our high school reunions. That’s too bad, because he could make the rest of us feel lots younger.

My friend Ray was mascot at his school, and he wears a silly hornet outfit to every class gathering. On his drive there last year, he got pulled over...and it’s hard to walk a straight line if you can’t control your stinger. He got to the party late, then made the entrance only a middle-aged pot-bellied hornet can. Across the room, he noticed Mollie. She was a former cheerleader, and she remembered Ray immediately. And she looked great to Ray, whose glasses fit sort of funny on a hornet mask.

Funny how fast time flies. Just when we understand school, we graduate. When we finally learn to comb our hair right, it falls out. And when we get our act together, there’s no old friends around to watch the performance. But reunions reconnect us with our roots...and roots remind us of our natural hair color. Ray and I both recommend them...if you don’t dress like an insect.

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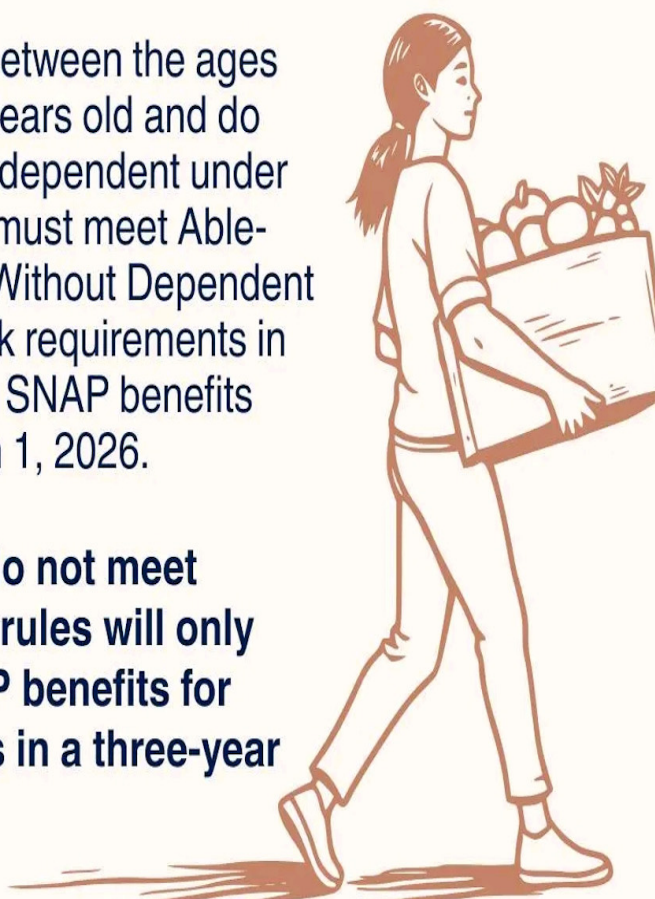
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New Yorkers between the ages of 18 and 64 years old and do not live with a dependent under the age of 14 must meet Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependent (ABAWD) work requirements in order to retain SNAP benefits starting March 1, 2026.

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- ADMISSION**  
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# RIDE TO WATCH!

by Cyclo Pete

Happy World Cup summer, Sunnyside and Woodside riders! The season is rolling, and this summer, so is the ball in the biggest sporting event around. Whether you're watching or not, you can be sure others are, and while the tickets to the games are a ride too far for most, all of the games are being broadcast for free. Read on for a guide of sorts to biking the world cup this summer!

### NYC Neighborhood Passport

The flags are out, people! If you've been biking around our area they are unmissable. And to make it easier, the city has issued a Neighborhood Passport to tell you which areas have enclaves rooting for different teams whether they're participating or not. And, big surprise, a number of the areas are near and dear to us here in Northwestern Queens! But for those of us who live here, we know very well that there is a little Brazil on 36th Av., a little Egypt and Morocco by Steinway, and a Czech beer garden in Astoria. We also have a decent showing for Japan and South Korea in Sunnyside, to say nothing of the myriad South American support in Jackson Heights and a respectable Little Mexico in Corona. 20 minutes at most by bike and you can watch these games with their dedicated fan base!

### Bike on Game Days

June has been a banner month for sports here in the city. Between the soccer and the Knicks, we have had our fair share of gridlock alert days over the last few weeks. This is when those two wheels should be calling to us as an alternative to our normal trips. Ride to work, ride to nightlife, ride to watch! No risk of your subway commute being taken over by a Viking rowing crew or 55 people in Brunson jerseys. All of this is so much fun, but brutally disruptive to travel in our area, so bring your helmet and bike past or around the crowds!

Have you been enjoying this uniquely sporty summer so far? Whether you are living every minute of the action or purposely avoiding all of it, your bike has got you covered for easy and predictable trips to and from your summer destinations. So please enjoy the action responsibly, and ride safe, Woodside!



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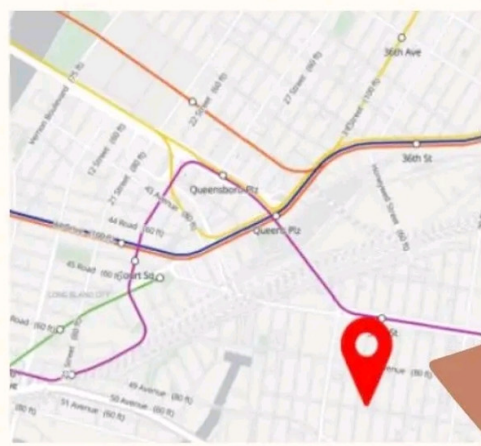
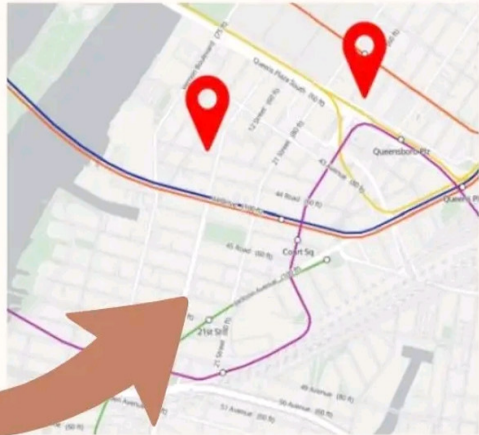
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## Two New Elementary School Locations



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# SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wednesday, during our first OneLIC meeting, the School Construction Authority (SCA) announced two major updates

- 1. Two new 650-seat elementary schools in LIC.** The SCA has reached initial agreements with private owners to acquire 43-58 11<sup>th</sup> Street and in negotiations for another site. City Council will then need to approve this site selection.
- 2. New facility for Baccalaureate School for Global Education.** The SCA is in final stages to acquire 47-51 33<sup>rd</sup> St. City Council will also then need to approve this site selection.

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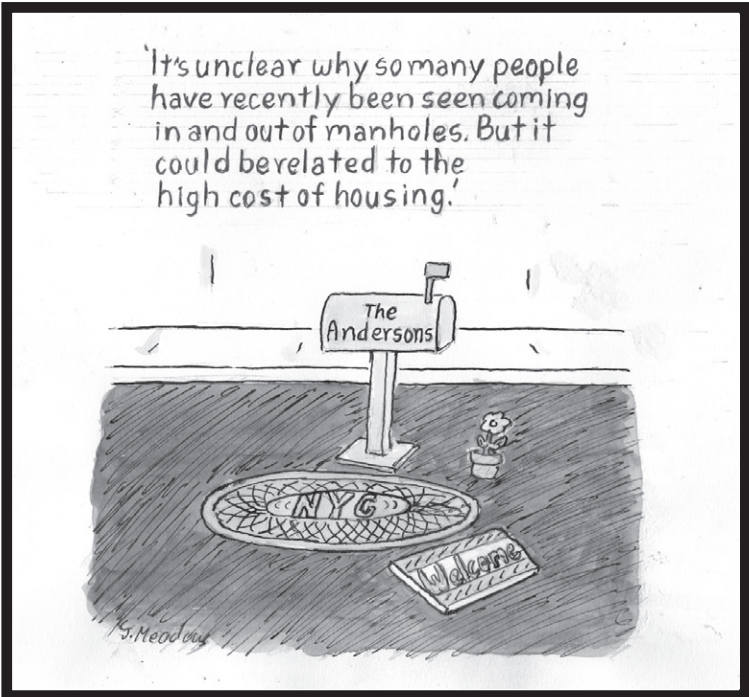


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MOSAIC CHURCH

MOSAIC COVENANT CHURCH

SCAN ME FOR DIRECTIONS

**FREE FOOD PANTRY**  
MOSAIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
43-01 46TH ST  
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED  
MON-FRI  
5-8PM

Deanery Queens<sup>2</sup>

## FOOD PANTRY

*Dispensa de Comida*

**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](http://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/>

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