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It's Time For Congress To Enact Universal Health Care

Former President Harry Truman first proposed universal health care for all Americans in 1948. Now, 61 years later, it's time for Congress to finally make it happen.

It's not just the moral imperative of providing quality health care coverage to approximately 47-million Americans currently without it; it's a fiscal imperative as well. The ever rising cost of health care in America is stifling economic growth. Even if it doesn't bother you that in America, the richest nation on earth, approximately 50-million people lack health care coverage, you should at least be concerned that rising health care costs are seriously undermining business and individual prosperity.

Let's be clear, although millions of Americans lack specific health care coverage, that does not mean that they do not receive health care services when ill. Emergency rooms routinely see patients suffering nothing worse than a common cold. It's a system that's inefficient and very expensive.

And, despite the fact that they are still the party of 'no', Republicans nevertheless understand that we can no longer fail to address this problem. Indeed, if the eventual legislation is crafted well, you'll see, for the first time since President Obama took office, significant numbers of Republicans voting for it. It's not a question of congressional Republicans all of a sudden caring about the 47 or so million Americans who lack health care coverage; it's just that they see the writing on the wall.

While the vast majority of Americans do not want a single payer system (as in Canada), a vast majority of Americans do want health care reform and universal coverage. And therein lies the problem.

The Democrats hold majori-

ties in both houses of Congress and therefore will bring legislation to the House and Senate floors respectively for consideration. They (the Democrats) need to leave ideological considerations at the door. Whatever system they devise for covering all Americans, it needs to contain two basic elements: 1) Any citizen who currently has health insurance coverage and is satisfied with that health insurance coverage must be allowed to keep that health insurance coverage. 2) However they figure to pay for it, presently uncovered Americans should be offered the opportunity to pick a health care insurance policy of their choice. If Congress tries to impose a single payer system it will not fly.

The pressure on the political left is already building for a single payer system. The Democrats in Congress must resist. If the Democrats propose a single payer system, it will let the Republicans off the hook. If the majority party provides for universal coverage through private health insurance plans, health care reform will finally become a reality—and with substantial bipartisan support to boot.

The Woodside Herald believes that now is the time to get it done.

Governor Appoints Sunnyside Attorney To Commuter Council



Gov. Paterson welcoming Ira Greenberg as a member of the commuter council.

The Long Island Railroad's watchdog group is going through some significant changes, including the appointment of a new chairperson and new representative on the MTA board. The LIRR Commuter Council officially name Maureen Michaels as its new

chairwoman, replacing Gerard Bringmann, who had held the post for four years.

Gov. David A. Paterson has appointed attorney Ira Greenberg, of "Sunnyside (Queens, New York)", as the commuter council's non-voting representative on the MTA

board. Ira has been a member of the council since 2005, he frequently commutes from the Woodside station, said he hopes to be "a voice for all of "Long Island" and to push for greater recognition of the LIRR's Queens and Brooklyn riders and reverse commuters.

Crowley-Serrano PCB Cleanup Initiative for Schools Approved by House

National Green Schools Act passed by U.S. House of Representatives today includes provision to help school districts fund PCB cleanup

(Washington, DC) – Today, Congressmen Joseph Crowley (D-Bronx, Queens) and José Serrano (D-Bronx) applauded passage of the 21st Century

Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act (H.R. 2187) that included a provision written by Crowley-Serrano to help school districts fund cleanup of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in New York City and throughout the country. This initiative will provide schools with access to funding for critical modernization, renovation and repair projects.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that our children are taught in a healthy school environment," said Congressman Crowley. "Like asbestos and lead paint, the presence of PCBs in school classrooms is unacceptable. That is why I teamed up with my good friend Joe Serrano to raise awareness in Congress of this dangerous con-

taminant and to include the cleanup of PCBs in broader legislation that will keep our schools safe for our children. A problem this serious demands that the federal government provide some help to state and local governments, and I applaud the House for approving this important provision as part of the Green Schools Act."

"PCB contamination in our schools is intolerable—and I am glad Congress is acting to do something about it," said Congressman Serrano. "Since Joe Crowley and I heard about this problem, we've been working toward a solution, because the place where our children spend their days must be safe. No parent would tolerate a hazardous substance in a child's bed-
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108th COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Captain Kavanagh, Commanding Officer, 108th Precinct will give his monthly crime updates and receive your questions and concerns.

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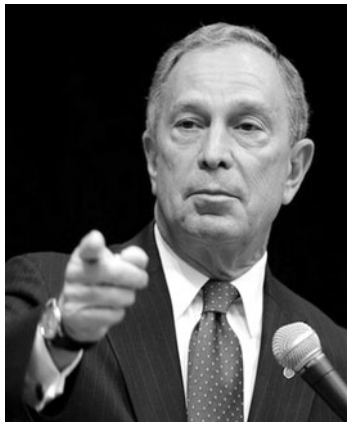
MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Five-Borough Economic Opportunity Plan Getting New Yorkers Through Tough Times

Even in these hard times, most New Yorkers are going to keep their jobs and keep their homes. But there are also thousands of people who are in trouble. Some have recently been laid off. Others are facing foreclosure. Some who own businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. Others are drowning in debt.

This recession is making it hard for businesses and households alike to make ends meet. But we want you to know that help is available. We're implementing a wide range of initiatives that offer



help to New Yorkers during these tough times. They're all part of our Five-Borough Economic Opportunity Plan – which is our comprehensive strategy for guiding New York City through the economic downturn as quickly as possible.

Let me first talk about what we can do for people in the job market. In tough times like these, it's easy for job-hunters to feel dejected – but putting as many New Yorkers as possible to work is essential to our recovery. Before you get discouraged, visit one of our Workforce 1 Career Centers, which have developed close relationships with the industries that are hiring. In just a few short years, these Centers have gone from placing 500 people in jobs per year... to placing more than 17,000 per year. And despite the recession, they're on track to top that this year.

How about small businesses? They're struggling, as well – and because they employ more than half of New Yorkers in the private sector, their recovery is also crucial. To make it easier to do business in the city – and with the city – we are revamping our 'Business Express' website into a one-stop shop for all permits and licenses. Our 'Business Solutions' centers located in every borough are places where entrepreneurs can get help navigating government regulations, accessing incentives, or even getting financing to retrain their employees for the skills that today's changing economy demands.

Families are also feeling the pressure of this recession at home – but once again, it's important for New Yorkers to know that City government is here to help. For instance, our Office of Financial Empowerment is working to help New Yorkers manage their credit, control their debt, and build up their assets. We're also making free one-on-one financial counseling available to all city residents. Because homeownership is the glue that binds our communities, we are also helping New Yorkers buy their homes and keep their homes. Through our Center for New York City Neighborhoods, families at risk of foreclosure can access free counseling and legal services. At the same time, our Department of Housing Preservation & Development is offering low-interest loans to homeowners in need of renovations or repairs and helping quali-

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE 13 WEEKS OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR JOBLESS NEW YORKERS

State Senator George Onorato (D-Queens), the chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, announced that legislation (S.4110-A) he sponsors to permit New York to receive more than \$600 million in federal stimulus funds for unemployment benefits and administration has been approved by the Senate Finance Committee. As part of this legislation, an additional 13 weeks of extended benefits will be provided to jobless New Yorkers already receiving aid, and funding will also be provided to support benefits for newly unemployed workers.

The legislation, which was passed by the Senate Labor Committee on April 20th, is now expected to head to the Senate floor for a vote by the full house after unanimously passing the Finance

fied first-time buyers with down payments to purchase affordable housing. Our record in this area is excellent – less than 1 percent of homes bought under the City's programs have ended up in foreclosure.

The bottom line is – we've put in place a wide range of initiatives to help New Yorkers through these tough times. To learn more about these programs and our Five-Borough Economic Opportunity Plan, just call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov

Committee yesterday. The funding is being made available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

"I could not be more pleased that this vital legislation, which will provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for New York's jobless, is now moving swiftly towards becoming law," said Senator Onorato. "Unemployment benefits for some 56,000 jobless New York residents are slated to begin running out next week, with at least 5,000 more a week after that. Passage of this legislation will provide unemployed New Yorkers with critically needed financial assistance during very difficult economic times. This is a win-win for unemployed workers in need of aid, as well as for local economies that will benefit from the money these New Yorkers will spend on food, rent and other basic needs in their communities." All told, the extended benefits will ultimately aid some 120,000 unemployed workers now receiving assistance.

The legislation, initially proposed by Governor Paterson as a program bill, is expected to be considered today by the Assembly Committee on

Labor. The 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits funded under this bill would be in addition to 33 weeks earlier approved by the United States

Congress and the 26 weeks of regular jobless assistance provided under New York state law.

Under the legislation, several hundred million dollars in federal stimulus funding will also be used to help stabilize New York's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which pays out benefits for unemployed workers. In light of the growing numbers of jobless residents in New York, the Trust Fund has become insolvent. To qualify for this Trust Fund support, New York needed to conform its state unemployment law to ARRA language for individuals who must leave their jobs for compelling family reasons, including domestic violence and the illness or disability of an immediate family member. All of these compelling reasons have long been recognized under New York State case law and statutes, and the legislation will not create new grounds for benefit eligibility in New York.


This legislation will ultimately provide truly critical relief for

120,000 job-seeking New Yorkers who are now in imminent danger of losing unemployment benefits that they need to stay afloat and off of the public assistance rolls," said Senator Onorato. "I am greatly anticipating its final passage by the Legislature and immediate approval by Governor Paterson."

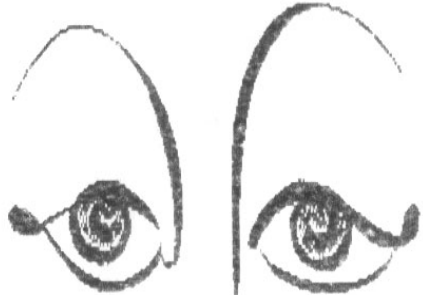
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Assemblywomen Catherine Nolan: MTA Agreement Prevents Sky-High Fare Hikes, Eliminates Service Cuts

Assemblywomen Catherine Nolan (D-Queens) announced an agreement to bail out the financially strapped Metropolitan Transportation Authority (A.8180). The agreement will put an end to the MTA's proposed sky-high fare hikes and severe service eliminations and cuts, and institute reforms of how the authority operates.

"The agreement provides \$60 million to reimburse public school districts for the payroll tax within the same school year - helping to reduce the burden on property taxpayers," Assemblywomen Nolan said. "This is a major victory for commuters and our regional economy. The MTA's plan to eliminate subway and bus lines, drastically scale back services and impose exorbitant fare hikes would have been devastating in this economy. This bailout plan is New York's best hope to save the transit system, save the fare and keep subways and buses running for the long haul."

Assemblywomen Nolan said the agreement prevents a 32 percent increase in fares and tolls that would have gone into effect within weeks. Instead, commuters can expect a greatly reduced 10 percent increase in fares. The agreement also funds two years of capital projects, including transit and commuter rail maintenance and modernization projects.

Additionally, there will be no

new tolls on bridges that are currently not tolled, Assemblywomen Nolan said. There will be no cuts in service, reversing the MTA's plan to eliminate 21 local bus routes and the complete elimination of two subway lines.

"We could not allow New York's transit system to crumble because of the MTA's budget crisis," Assemblywomen Nolan said. "It was essential that the bailout plan include funding for maintenance and upgrades to tracks, signals and equipment. The future of our transit system can't be compromised."

Assemblywomen Nolan said the agreement also includes long-overdue reforms of the MTA, giving the Legislature the authority to conduct independent audits every two years beginning in 2009, combine the positions of chairman and chief executive officer, create a new mission statement, and appoint board members who have an expertise in finance or transportation.

"This agreement will require an overhaul of how the MTA operates - gone are the days when board members are appointed regardless of their expertise," Assemblywomen Nolan said. "We must institute a process that demands transparency and long-term fiscal responsibility from the MTA to ensure taxpayers do not continue to pay for its financial mismanagement."

Other provisions include vendor preferences for owners who are

state residents and programs to encourage minority-owned businesses within the transit system.

Everyone is struggling to balance their budgets, Assemblywomen Nolan said. We needed to ensure that the burden to make our transit system whole was shared by everyone, not simply commuters. The compromise protects services and limits fare increases by instituting:

- * an employer-paid payroll tax in the 12 counties served by the MTA;

- * a 50-cent surcharge on taxi rides;

- * a \$25 increase in vehicle-registration fees;

- * a 5 percent increase in the auto-rental tax;

- * an estimated 25 percent increase in driver license fees; and
- * delayed future increases - fares and tolls will rise again by 7.5 percent in both 2011 and 2013.

"Solving the immediate crisis and providing funding for future projects - without massive fare increases or service cuts - will ensure New York's transit system keeps rolling," Assemblywomen Nolan said.



U.S. AIR FORCE

Congratulations!

Peter Kalaitzidis graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Ioannis Kalaitzidis of 49th St., Woodside, N.Y. Kalaitzidis is a 2002 graduate of Long Island City High School, New York City, N.Y.

CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/Toy Drive

Community Board 2 is sponsoring a clothing and toy drive this spring/summer for needy children in our district.

Spring/summer clothing for male and female ranging from infants to teenagers up to 18 years of age are needed. Summer toys such as hula hoops, beach balls, chalk, bubbles, books, etc. can provide hours of summer fun for the children. Please no bats, racquets, crayons or markers.

We will be accepting donations through Friday, June 19, 2009. As always thank you for your generosity. You may drop off your donation at the Community Board 2 office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lions Welcome Three New Members and Look to May Events

Monday April 27th the Sunnyside Woodside Lions Club held their regular scheduled meeting at Pete's Grill on Queens Blvd. The Club was honored to have their newly elected Vice District Governor Pauline

Park Day and the upcoming Lion Street Fair on May 23rd. On that Saturday May 26th, 46th Street will be alive with community groups. The Lions Club has invited both food pantries of St. Teresa's and St. Raphael's to take



Pictured are Sunnyside Woodside Lions new members Sandra Bigitschke, Mary Roeder and William Roeder. They are being sworn in by Vice District Governor Pauline Frances as Sponsor on members George Custance looks on.

Frances as their guest. The Vice District Governor had come to swear in three new members, Sandra Bigitschke, Mary Roeder and William Roeder. All three members were sponsored by member George Custance who invited them to be part of the Club. Prior to the swearing in, President Luke Adams spoke of the duties of members serving the community and not just a social dinner each month. We all enjoy each others company but we must remember our reasonability is to serve our community. Adams thanked the members for their work the month before at the Queens Blvd. Extended Care Center and the children's party at All Saints Church.

Later at the meeting members were reminded of the clean up on

part and raise funds to collect food. Other groups that have already been invited to take part are the United Forties and both the Boy & Cub Scouts. All Saints Church has been asked to have a cake sale and white elephant table and Linda's Feral Cat Association to collect cat food. St. Raphael's CYO basketball team will recruit new members and most importantly is the VFW will be at the Lions table to sell their Poppies. Reminding all that it's Memorial Day weekend and a time to remember all who served. All we are asking of our group is that they bring a table and man it during the time of the fair. We will be inviting the community to come out and celebrate Sunnyside Woodside and enjoy the community where they live.

Crowley-Serrano PCB Cleanup

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room, and similarly, no school or government should tolerate them either. Joe and I are committed to resolving this problem."

The 21st Century Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act (H.R. 2187) provides critical funding to states and school districts to help ensure that school facilities and learning

environments are safe, healthy, energy-efficient, environmentally friendly, and technologically advanced; the Crowley-Serrano provision makes grants and low-interest loans available to local educational agencies for the removal, abatement, or interim controls of PCBs during the construction, modernization or repair of public schools. The Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives today by a vote of 275-155, and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Congressman Crowley is a Member of the House Ways and Means Committee; Congressman José Serrano chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government.

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Letters To The Editor

The following letters are the opinions of its author and not necessarily those of the Woodsideherald.



Dear Editor:

According to the May 2009 issue of VFW Magazine "The Obama Administration in February offered a 15% increase in funding for VA in 2010. The \$112.8 billion proposed budget includes \$55.9 billion in discretionary spending for next year, an increase of \$5.5 billion from 2009.

"This outline in consistent wit recommendations made by the veterans groups who co-author the Independent Budget (IB)," said Rep. Bob Filner (D-Calif.), chairman of the House VA Committee. "This has never happened in the 23-years history of the IB."

VFW, one of the IB co-authors, is pleased with the proposal, Highlights include:

* A "concurrent receipt" provision (and perennial VFW objective) that for the first time would allow military retirees to keep their full VA disability compensation and all their retired pay.

* Additional funding that would allow more than 500,000 veterans to enroll in VA's health care system by 2013.

* Provisions that would expand VA mental health screening and treatment for veterans in rural areas through an increase in the number of Vet Centers and mobile health clinics."

This is a tremendous reversal from the President's original plan to make veterans pay for VA treatment, and I personally commend him for correcting his position. However in order for the President's new proposal to become reality we all need to write our elected officials and let them know we expect bipartisan support of this proposed budget. Please join me in doing so.

Cordially,
Marvin R. Jeffcoat
SFC, USA (RET)

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Dear Editor:

All across the United States Americans and Asian Pacific Americans are celebrating the Asian Pacific Heritage Month during the month of May with special events: from art exhibitions to concerts, film festivals and poetry reading, dance performances and martial arts exhibitions.

The White House official presidential proclamation:

"The vast diversity of lan-

guages, religions, and cultural traditions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continues to strengthen the fabric of American society," the Proclamation read, "From the arrival of the first Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrants 150 years ago to those who arrive today, as well as those native to the Hawaiian Islands and our Pacific Island territories, all possess the common purpose of the fulfilling the American dream and leading a life bound by the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

President Barack Obama signed the proclamation on Friday, May 1 and called "upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities."

For Asians events and happenings in New York City, check the daily newspapers, your local weekly newspapers and ethnic press in your area.

Michael Matthews

Dear Erin Cabezas,

Thank you for your recent donation to the families at the Metro Family Residence.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is a real help to our families who have found themselves in very poor financial situations through no fault of their own.

We appreciate all you have done to help the homeless families and want you to know how grateful they are.

Sincerely,
Marcy Galatioto,
Director of Social Services

Leaving Home? Inform A Neighbor!

In order to help yourself and your neighbors, if one plans to leave home for any period of time including a summer vacation or even one day, it would be a good idea to inform your neighbors.

Thus, if anything is delivered to your door, your neighbor can take it in and hold it for you. Leaving packages and mail for days is an invitation to thieves.

LaGuardia Community College Student Elected International President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Edgar Romero, a LaGuardia Community College honor student who has distinguished himself as an exemplary student leader and public service advocate, has been elected to the ultimate leadership post: international president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of the Community College.

Serving as the 2009-10 president of the largest honor society in the country, with 2 million members and 1,250 chapters, is considered the pinnacle of leadership within the organization. During his one term in office, Edgar will be responsible for presiding at the International Convention and Honors Institute, making International Convention committee appointments, signing all new chapter charters and representing PTK at regional meetings and educational conferences.

"This is the best thing that can happen to any community college student who wants to take a leadership position and serve his or her community," says the international studies major. "As president, I'll be involved in the same missions that I want to carry out in my life: working on international projects as a member of a non-governmental organization."

"Edgar is that rare student who not only is interested in getting the most out of his college experience but is committed to giving back to the institution," says LaGuardia President Gail O. Mellow. "As a member and officer of the College's PTK chapter, he developed and organized programs that have made a difference for our students. I am confident that he will bring to the presidency the same energy, creativity and vision."

For the Venezuelan émigré who enrolled in LaGuardia in 2007, it was at the College that he discovered his passion for community service, and was given the opportunity to develop his leadership skills. "Before I came to LaGuardia, there were many times I would view a documentary or read an article and say to myself, 'what can I do?' but that was as far as it would go," he says. "It was at LaGuardia that I decided to challenge my excuses."

The turn-around came when he attended a leadership pro-

gram workshop during his first semester. "The key message the workshop leaders passed along to the students was, 'the first thing you should do is get involved,'" he says.

Heeding the message, he joined the United Nations Club, and volunteered at the College's Alpha Theta Phi chapter of PTK because he did not have the minimum credit requirements to become a member.

As a volunteer, one of his major achievements was finding a way to pay for the shipment of refurbished school supplies that the chapter had collected for an impoverished school in Ecuador. "The members learned that the shipment would cost \$2,000 and didn't know how to secure funds," says Edgar, "so I made phone calls to consulates, embassies and missions in the U.N., and eventually found a company willing to subsidize the shipping costs to Ecuador."

"His efforts amounted to nothing less than 'a beautiful miracle,'" says Professor Karlyn Koh, who is the chapter's faculty advisor.

Edgar also planned a forum on women in Afghanistan in conjunction with Women for Afghan Women (WAW), a non-profit organization that aids Afghan refugee women. Events included a documentary and discussion on the struggles of American and Afghan widows in their fight for women's rights in the Middle East, and a lecture on the role Afghan women play in the development of their nation.

"Both events, completely coordinated by Edgar, were well organized, well attended and well received, thanks to his efforts," says Professor Edward Goodman. "He planned with members of WAW, recruited student volunteers to assist, and met with faculty from across

the College to ensure that classes were brought to the events."

A summer camp also grew out of his relationship with WAW. Edgar conceived of the idea, developed the program and recruited LaGuardia students for counselor positions. The children of the women who attended the center spent eight weeks playing soccer and basketball and going on field trips to the Bronx Zoo and the Museum of Natural History.

"Edgar and his friends transferred not only their love for the game to these kids but their standards of behavior as well," Mahshad Mohit, the program manager, said in a thank-you letter. "They taught them fellowship and teamwork, a sense of responsibility and importance of a clean environment."

For another forum, Edgar invited the Venezuelan consul general who spoke on the impact of wealth distribution in her country.

He officially became a member of the honors society in December of 2008; and one month later was elected vice president of programs and events. The honor society recognized his hard work recently by awarding him PTK's 2009 Distinguished Chapter Member.

While he spends countless hours working on chapter projects, Edgar still manages to maintain a 3.61 grade point average and to work part-time as a manager at a Manhattan restaurant.

Now add to the list international president of PTK. Although he will not begin his term until September, Edgar already has identified a goal: to increase volunteerism among PTK members. If we can boost volunteerism at each chapter by 10 or 15 percent," he says, "that can have a tremendous impact."

WE NEED YOUR HELP

10,000 unwanted animals are put to death each year notes the American Rescue Society. We must all do what we can do to reduce this number. We presently have our own running neighborhood to offer support for return the favor by reduce-continue this important your help when shopping cat food and deliver it to a small donation. With your help we can succeed. Please drop off donations to the Canine Club located at 43-47 44th Street (off Queens Blvd.) or call 718-729-0664 or 718-361-2944.



Can You Benefit from Municipal Bonds?

You've made it through another tax season. If you got a refund, you might be pretty satisfied with how things turned out. But if you'd like to see a somewhat different outcome in 2008, you may want to review all areas of your tax return, including your investment-related taxes. As you may know, some investments are more "tax-friendly" than others are - and municipal bonds might be some of the friendliest ones of all.

If you aren't that familiar with municipal bonds, here are the basics: Municipal bonds, or "munis," are issued in two main categories: general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. General obligation bonds finance the activities of state and local governments, while revenue bonds pay for specific projects, such as airports, hospitals and other civic institutions.

So, when you purchase a muni, you're supporting a project or service, possibly in your state or community. And you will be rewarded for your civic-mindedness - through tax breaks. Specifically, your interest payments will be free from federal taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is in your state, your interest

payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes.

Municipal bond interest is free from federal taxes, but some munis - particularly airport and housing bonds - might be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). If you think you may have to pay the AMT - and a lot more people are subject to this tax now than in years past - you might want to avoid these types of bonds. Conversely, if you know you won't be assessed the AMT even if you bought some AMT-subject munis, you might be especially interested in these bonds, because their yields are typically higher than the yields on regular municipal bonds.

In any case, municipal bonds offer some benefits beyond tax-free interest. For one thing, munis can help you diversify a portfolio heavily weighted with stocks. Municipal bonds may not be affected by many of the factors - such as poor corporate earnings reports - that cause volatility in the price of stocks. So, municipal bond prices generally do not move together with stock prices.

Furthermore, municipal bonds are among the most secure investments you can

own. The default rate on munis - especially general obligation bonds - is typically quite low.

Which types of municipal bonds are right for you? Your choice depends, to a great extent, on your goals and investment personality. For example, longer-term munis - those bonds that mature in 10 years or more - will generally pay a higher interest rate than shorter-term bonds. Yet, prices of the longer-term offerings also may fluctuate more.

You may want to consider owning a variety of short-, intermediate- and long-term munis. This type of portfolio - known as a bond "ladder" - can help you in all types of interest-rate environments. When market rates are down, you'll benefit by owning long-term bonds, which generally pay higher rates than short-term bonds. But if market rates are up, you can use the proceeds of your maturing short-term bonds to reinvest in issues with higher rates.

Finally, when you're shopping for municipal bonds, look for quality - those bonds that are rated at least "A" or higher by the major rating agencies.

Municipal bonds occupy their own special niche in the investment world - and it's a niche that you may want to explore further.

Courtesy of Vincent Renda, your Edward Jones financial advisor located at 47-01 Queens Blvd. Suite 203 Sunnyside3, NY 11104

Woodside/Sunnyside Groups to Hold Outreach Information Fair in Woodside

On Sunday, May 17th, 2009 at the St. Sebastian's Parish Center in Woodside please join us for free and confidential screenings and information for food stamps, health insurance, and thirty five (35) benefit programs for anyone who is in need of such assistance and who qualify.

Volunteers from the NORTHERN WOODSIDE COALITION are offering on line screenings from NYC Access to determine your eligibility for 35 Federal, New York State and City of New York human services benefit programs. Counselors from Sunnyside Community Ser-

vices will provide assistance in the Food Card SNAP program, Fidelis Care representatives will assist with affordable health insurance coverage for children and adults based on income. St. Sebastian Church members will provide information about catechism, sacraments, prayer groups and pastoral outreach programs.

The Parish Center is located at 39-60 57th Street between Woodside and 39th Avenues. The Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information please call 718-424-2146. Identification and proof of income are required in order to determine eligibility.

WOODSIDE

By P.J. Donnelly

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May Events

- 15 *Endangered Species Day - Save the Manatee*
- 15 11:00 AM **ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** hosted by The Honorable Helen M. Marshall @ Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens in the Veterans Memorial Garden of Queens-Reception to Follow-Room 213 RSVP 718-286-2888
- 16 8:30 AM-5:30 PM- **Livable Neighborhoods Program Training-FREE**, located @ Hunter College, 695 Park Ave (breakfast & lunch provided). Registration Deadline is Friday May 8th. Call 212-935-3960 Ext. 249 or visit www.mas.org/lnp
- 16 10:00 AM-3:00 PM- **It's My Park Day**- Volunteer projects & events in parks throughout the 5 boroughs – for more information, contact greenshoresnyc@yahoo.com
- 16 Park Avenue Armory-**ARTS DAY!** (Free) For more info armorypark.org
- 17 1:00 PM-5:00 PM- 1st Public Paddle of the Season in Halletts Cove- for more information, visit www.licboathouse.com (Weather Permitting)
- 23 11:00 AM-7:00 PM **Sunnyside/ Woodside Lions Club Street Fair**-Greenpoint Avenue between 44th Street & 46th Street (NO rain date)
- 25 **Memorial Day**- Community Board 2 Office- Closed
- 26 7:00 PM 108th Community Council Meeting given by Deputy Inspector Thomas Kavanagh @ the Sunnyside Community Services- 43-31 39th Street, Ground Floor
- 28 8:00 PM- **FREE CONCERT!** 'Avantango' @ LaGuardia College (Call for Reservations)
- 31 **Bangladesh League of America Street Fair**- 57th Street between 37th & 38th Avenues (NO rain date)

Street Cleaning is suspended due to holiday schedule on the following days:
May 21st, 25th, 29th & 30th

Asian Contemporary Art Week- For more information visit acaw.net Ends May 18th

On-Going

12:30 PM-Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Dates-2nd Tuesday of every month, held at Dazie's Restaurant located @ 39-41 Queens Blvd, Sunnyside

CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/ Toy Drive for Needy Children in our District until June 19th – the office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Borden Ave Shelter is in need donations of Men's clothing (can be slightly used), books & magazines- Contact Gilmore Hudson 718-784-5690 Ext. 7223 or ghudson@iclinc.com

Museum Nights

Free admission or pay as you wish at the following museums:

Brooklyn Museum of Art, 1st Saturday of the month 5:00 PM- 11 PM, 200 Eastern Pkwy at Washington Ave, Brooklyn 718-501-6131

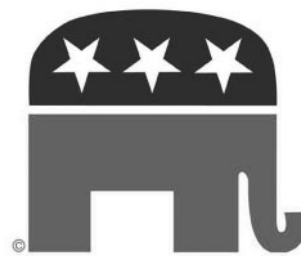
Museum of Modern Art, Fridays 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, 11 West 53rd Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, NYC 212-708-9400

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Saturdays 5:45 PM- 7:45 PM, 1071 Fifth Avenue at 89th Street, NYC 212-423-3500

Whitney Museum, Fridays 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, Madison Avenue @ 75th Street, NYC 212-578-3600

Memorial Fair at Sunnyside Gardens Park

Saturday May 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain date Sunday, May 25). Fun for the whole family. Bouncy rides, children's arts & crafts, estate sale, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, B.B.Q., field games, summer music stage and bake sale. 48-21 39th Ave. (between 48th and 50th St.) Sunnyside, NY. Take the #7 train to 46th St. For more information call 718-672-1555.



Republican (GOP) Meeting

The monthly Republican meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nak Won Reformed Church, 41-20 Queens Blvd. Please use the side entrance on 42nd Street. ALL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

SHOP LOCAL SHOP SUNNYSIDE



Tournament

The Knights of Columbus Hudson Council will be having a Texas Hold'Em Tournament on Saturday, May 30th, 2009 at 4 p.m. SHARP at the Council located at 49-18 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377.

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 by RITA LOWRY
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Up On the Downsize

For any number of reasons, more people than ever are downsizing these days. Whether it's reduction in income, reduction in family size, or just a desire for easier living, smaller homes are becoming more attractive.

There are challenges associated with downsizing but experience has taught some valuable lessons that you may find useful. Once you've decided to sell, start the moving process immediately. Your home will even show better once you've begun packing things away. As you decide what to keep, consider donating unwanted items or holding a yard sale.

Solicit family members for help, and see how many belongings might be passed along to family and friends. After all, they say that charity begins at home, right?

You can also "digitize" paper records with a scanner, saving them on your computer, or using an online storage service for an added layer of security. Just be sure electronic versions of certain records are legally acceptable.

If you're still left with a lot of furniture and accessories, you should strongly consider including such items in the listing for your home. First-time buyers may be particularly attracted to such an offering, saving them time and money on furnishing their home, and expediting the entire transaction.

These tips may help you downsize, but of course, any move presents its challenges. Speak with an experienced professional today for more advice.

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Stanley Kozlowski's dog **BUSTER** poses for *Pet of the Week!*

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index # 7665/2009 Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the property. SUMMONS Property located in County of Queens. 63-37 MET AVE. CORP., Plaintiff, -against-DAGNEY FURRER & GLORIA D. AMICO, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, Defendants. 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 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 the 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. Defendant's address: Furrer 26 Aldershot Lane Manhasset, NY 11030. Amico 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY. JERRY S. LEIBNER Attorney for Plaintiff Post office Address 3061 Timothy Road Bellmore, NY 11710. This is an action for an Order pursuant to RPAPL 1521 to be entered as provided by RPAPL Section 1501(4), to compel the determination of claims to and to secure the cancellation and discharge of record of the mortgage made November 1, 1972 by 63-37 Met Ave Corp., Mortgagor, and Herman Furrer and Dagny Furrer, Mortgagee, affecting the real property located at 96-16 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, Queens, New York, which mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Queens on November 10, 1972 in Reel 619 of Mortgages at Page 1373, and which mortgage was assigned by Herman Furrer and Dagny Furrer, Assignors, to Dagny Furrer, Assignee, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 1, 1972 and recorded in the Office of the register of the County of Queens on December 18, 1972 in Reel 629 of Mortgages at Page 851. 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/09

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YOUR EYES

by
DR. IRVING ROVIN, OPTOMETRIST
Why Early Eye Exam?

Young children are vulnerable to many of the same optical defects and eye disorders that adults are. These and other conditions that generally first show up in early childhood present a particular problem, since it is during that time that children learn to see. All children should have had their first eye examination by three years of age.

The two main components of normal vision are 20/20 eyesight and the ability to use the two eyes together (binocular vision). Nature has provided the first six years of life for learning these two skills. After six, or so, it is usually more difficult for a child to pick them up. Any interference with this learning process, such as an optical defect, can seriously and permanently impair the development of normal vision. That is why it is so vital to correct eye problems in children as early as possible. Early examination of your child's eyes is, therefore, a major parental responsibility.

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This weeks recipe is.....

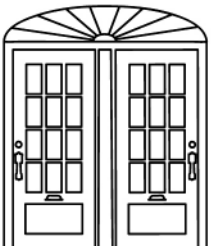
Corn and Pork Skewers

- 3 ears fresh super sweet corn, husked
- 12 ounces pork tenderloin or boneless, cooked chicken breasts
- 2 small zucchini
- 2 small sweet red bell peppers
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons oregano
- 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper



Preheat grill or broiler. With a large, sharp knife, cut corn in 2-inch pieces and the pork, zucchini and bell peppers in 1-inch pieces. In a large bowl, combine oil, lemon juice, oregano, garlic, salt and pepper. Add pork and vegetables; toss to coat. Let stand for 10 minutes at room temperature. On eight (10- to 12-inch) metal skewers, loosely thread pork and vegetables. Grill or broil, turning occasionally, until meat is cooked through, eight to 10 minutes. If desired, serve with salad greens. Pork and vegetables can also be cooked "unskewered" on a grill rack or broiler pan, for eight to 10 minutes, turning often. Serves four

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P.S. If you have any cat food, Linda's Feral Cat Association could use it!



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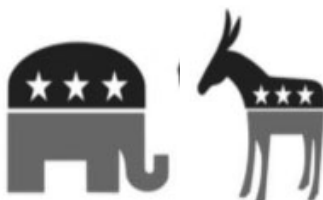
Linda's Feral Cat Association to collect cat food

In September 2004, Linda's Feral Cat Assistance was formed by Linda Bryant to work on behalf of the stray cat population in Woodside. Dedicated volunteers who are experienced in the TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) process for feral cats, return the animals to monitored locations, assist Linda in her work to alleviate the suffering of feral cats. The good news is that the population of abandoned animals in the area has been markedly reduced because the efforts to eliminate the number of kittens, mainly through the TNR program, have been a great success. However, stray cats and other throwaways continue to roam the streets of Woodside; they need to be trapped and neutered and, whenever possible, adopted into stable homes.

**Trap- Neuter – Return
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