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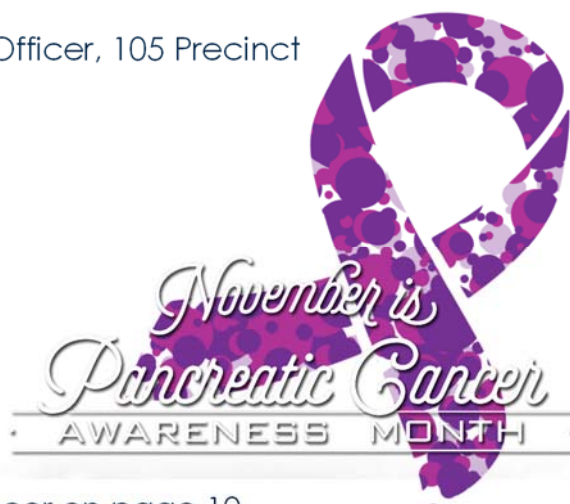
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 7:30 PM
Bellerose Assembly of God
240-15 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426

AGENDA

1. Community Time
2. Meeting Called to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Chairman's Report — Clive Williams
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Economic Development
 - b. Land Use
 - c. Parks and Environment
 - d. Public Safety
 - e. Seniors, Social Services & Special Needs
 - f. Special Initiatives
 - g. Transportation
 - h. Youth, Education & Libraries
6. Elected Officials — Welcome
7. Presentation

116 Precinct Update - NYC Department of Design and Construction, Office of Communications & Policy -- Jessica Douglas, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental & Community Affairs
8. NYPD Report — Inspector Neteis Gilbert, Commanding Officer, 105 Precinct
9. Roll Call
10. Approve Minutes — October 2019
11. Public Speaking Time
12. Adjournment



Learn more about Pancreatic Cancer on page 10

NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING

3rd Monday, December 16, 2019

**Bellerose Assembly of God
240-15 Hillside Avenue
Bellerose, NY 11426**

Public Safety Committee Report

Public Safety Committee Meeting November 6, 2019

1. List of liquor licenses that were voted on is found elsewhere in The Sentinel.
2. Sergeant Collins, NCO Supervisor, 105 Precinct, briefed the committee on several recent robberies of take-out food delivery persons. Three incidents have taken place involving Chinese restaurants in Queens Village. Corey Ince and Mike O'Keeffe represented QCB 13 at a recent meeting on this topic at the 105 Precinct. Corey compiled key points and suggestions from the meeting, which were distributed to committee members for their awareness and so that they might reinforce these points, if they wished, at take-out restaurants in their communities.
3. At the conclusion of the meeting, committee members remained to discuss administrative and procedural matters pertaining to the handling of liquor license requests.

105 Precinct Community Council Meeting November 20, 2019

1. Inspector Gilbert reported that crime in the 105 Precinct, year-to-date is down 7% (7 crimes) from last year, although there was a slight increase in the last 28-day period (4 crimes). Crime continues to be driven by grand larcenies, especially theft of unsecured property. "Handle surfing", when thieves walk down a block trying to see if car doors are unlocked, remains a problem. Today, \$3,500 worth of jewelry was stolen from a vehicle's center console. Don't leave valuables, credit cards, etc., in your vehicle. With the approaching cold weather, don't leave your car running unattended to warm it up if not equipped with auto start. Auto thefts are on the rise in the 105 Precinct.
2. With the Holidays approaching, package theft will become a bigger problem. Consider asking neighbors to receive or take in your packages if you will not be home. Or, use an Amazon locker or participating store to receive your packages.
3. Inspector Gilbert informed us that 3 arrests have been made in connection with an assault of an elderly gentleman last month in Cambria Heights. Two of the three are juveniles, who are being processed in Family Court.
4. Six arrests have been made in connection to the recent robberies of fast food delivery persons.
5. Mr. Greg Desire, an attorney from the Corporation Counsel's office, spoke about the recently-enacted "Raise the Age" law, whereby 16 and 17-year-olds now go to Juvenile Court. He said the law is somewhat vague and that courts will have to make rulings on specific cases to clarify it. A conviction is referred to as an "adjudication." The judge has sole discretion on whatever sentence is imposed. Mr. Desire will return for the January 29, 2020 Council meeting with a more detailed presentation, including handouts, etc.
6. Detective Cooper said the Coat Drive and Canned Food Drive will run through December. Spread the word and bring donations to the 105 Precinct at 92-08 222 Street.

Liquor Licenses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Light Cafe (Renewal)
271-21 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park• Triple Crown Diner (Renewal)
248-27 Jericho Turnpike, Bellerose• Dickens Louizaire (New Application)
245-11 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Rosedale• Secrets (Renewal)
245-11 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Rosedale• Live Life Marketing (New Application)
229-15 Merrick Boulevard, Laurelton• Truth Restaurant & Lounge Inc. (New Application)
229-15 Merrick Boulevard, Laurelton | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RPJ Deli & Grocery Store II Inc. (Renewal)
98-51 212 Street, Queens Village• Dacade Restaurant and Catering Hall. LLC
(New Application)
220-17 Merrick Boulevard, Laurelton• Holiday Inn (New Application)
248-06 Rockaway Boulevard, Rosedale• Brookville JFK Restaurant, LLC (Renewal)
248-06 Rockaway Boulevard, Rosedale• Singas Famous Pizza (New Application)
260-21 Hillside Avenue, Floral Park• OTG JFK T5 Venture, LLC (Renewal)
JFK International Airport, Terminal 5, Gate4NC |
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NEW YORK'S STRONGEST

Snow and Ice Removal Responsibilities

Owners, lessees, tenants, or other occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks. Snow and ice should **NOT** be pushed in to a street or crosswalk. Try to clear a 3 to 4 foot path. Remember to clear fire hydrants, catch basins and corner properties should clear a path to the crosswalk, including pedestrian ramps. Those who do not comply can face fines. If possible, consider assisting elderly or disabled neighbors.

Fine Avoided \$100-\$350

Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within these specific timeframes:

Snowfall Ends between 7am and 4:59pm:	Clear within 4 hours
Snowfall Ends between 5pm and 8:59pm:	Clear within 14 hours
Snowfall Ends between 9pm and 6:59am:	Clear sidewalks by 11am



DSNY Snow Laborer Positions Available

Each October, DSNY recruits temporary, per diem snow laborers. These workers are called on after heavy snowfalls to remove snow and ice Citywide from areas like bus stops, crosswalks and fire hydrants. Pay starts at \$15.00 per hour and increases to \$22.50 per hour after the first 40 hours worked in a week.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- At least 18 years old.
- Eligible to work in the United States.
- Able to perform heavy physical labor.

To register, workers must have:

- Two small photos (1-1/2 inch square).
- Two original forms of ID, plus copies.
- A Social Security card.



Bring the photos, IDs (and copies) and Social Security card to any local DSNY district garage weekdays between 7 am and 3 pm. Find your local garage. Individuals may also register at select Department of Transportation locations. The offices will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and require the same photographs and identification.



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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – November 2019

Meetings Canceled:

Health Committee

Events/Meetings Attended:

October 29, 2019: Attend Queens Borough Cabinet meeting. Agenda:

- I. Presentation on New Zoning Application Portal (ZAP) Feature, presented by **David Parrish, Director of Business Improvement & Fiscal Affairs, NYC Department of City Planning**

November 4, 2019: Attend and participate in Land Use Committee Meeting Chaired by **Richard Hellenbrecht** and Vice Chaired by **Bess DeBetham**. Details will be shared in their report.

November 6, 2019: Attend and participate in Public Safety Committee Meeting Chaired by **Michael O'Keeffe** and Vice Chaired by **Robert Glover**. Details will be shared in their report.

November 7, 2019: Speak at *Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association Inc.* meeting at St. Peters Church about community boards.

November 12, 2019: Attend and participate in *Jamaica Postmaster Community Advisory Committee* meeting.

Attend and participate in Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Chaired by **Rhonda Kontner** and Vice Chaired by **Lorraine Gittens-Bridges**. Details will be shared in their report.

November 14, 2019: Attend and participate in Transportation Committee Chaired by **Robert Glover**. Details will be shared in his report.

November 18, 2019: Attend **Congressman Meeks' "Clergy and Civic Breakfast."**

Topics covered included:

- I. Introduction and remarks by **City University of New York Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez**
- II. Introduction and remarks by **Interim York College President Berenecea Johnson Eanes**
- III. Introduction and remarks by **Queens Borough President Melinda Katz** thanking the community for their vote supporting her victory as Queens District Attorney Elect
- IV. Remarks by **William C. Thompson, Jr., Chairperson, Board of Trustees, City University of New York and Partner, Seabert, Williams, Shank & Company** (30% partner with JetBlue Terminal)
- V. **Darryl Towns**, part of the American Airlines Terminal Investment Group
- VI. **Congressman Meeks'** remarks on the Congressional Impeachment Inquiry Hearings

Present were **Board members Bess DeBetham, Sam Elliott and Robert Glover.**

November 19, 2019: Attend Queens Borough Cabinet meeting. Agenda:

- I. Presentation on DSNY Snow Removal Plan, presented by **Chief Roger Leahy, Borough Chief, Queens East, DSNY; Chief Anthony Pennolino, Borough Chief, Queens West, DSNY; Nicholas Circharo, Assistant Director, Community Engagement & Project Coordination, DSNY**
- II. Overview of the Queens Economic Development Corporation, presented by **Seth Bornstein, Executive Director, QEDC**

Attend and participate in Parks & Environment Committee Meeting Chaired by **Fay Hill** and Vice Chaired by **Peter Richards**. Details will be shared in their report.

November 20, 2019: Host District Service Cabinet Meeting at QCB 13 office.

November 21, 2019: Attend and participate in Seniors & Special Needs Committee Meeting Chaired by **Kangela Moore** and Vice Chaired by **Jerry Wind**. Details will be shared in their report.

Respectfully submitted,



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UPCOMING MEETING

105 Pct. BUILD THE BLOCK

DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS



The NYPD officers serving your community invite you to a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood.

With neighborhood policing, the Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs), and the Steady Sector Officers who work with them, have been given more time and opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns. The same officers are assigned to our community each day, so these officers learn the neighborhood, its challenges and potential, and the people who call it home.

This is a new way of doing business for the NYPD, and we need your help to make it work. We want to hear from a broad range of voices about what it will take to make all the residents of our neighborhood feel safe and secure. Please join us for what we hope will be a lively and productive discussion.

GOAL

TO IDENTIFY POLICING &
PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS IN
OUR COMMUNITY

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BUILD THE BLOCK

Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting

For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact Lieutenant Robert Maguire at 917-826-0862 or Robert.Maguire@nypd.org at least 72 hours prior to the event



Sector	Date	Time	Location	NCOs
Sector A	Tuesday, November 26, 2019	7:00 pm	Christ Lutheran Church 248-01 Francis Lewis Blvd. (Entrance on 248 Street)	Christopher Kurt Benjamin Luis Benzant
Sector B	Wednesday, December 11, 2019	7:00 pm	Saint Clare Catholic Academy 137-25 Brookville Blvd.	Christopher Kissane Lonell Patrick
Sector C	Wednesday, December 4, 2019	7:00 pm	Cambria Heights Library 218-13 Linden Blvd. Cambria Heights, NY 11411	Jessica Koehler Terrance Kinslow
Sector D	Thursday, December 5, 2019	6:30 pm	Debar Bethlehem Cathedral 218-38 98 Avenue Queens Village, NY 11429	Vicente Vivar Richard Tarver



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New York City Police Department



State lawmakers and the country's largest health care workers union are teaming up to bring attention to proposed budget cuts to nursing homes. Last Thursday, a group of elected officials gathered with 1199SEIU and the Healthcare Education Project to oppose what they say believe is a massive \$250 million cut in Medicaid reimbursements to 600 certified nursing facilities across the state.

Advocates assert that the cuts, set to take effect on November 6, will impact service for senior citizens.

"I feel that it's an injustice to our elderly who have contributed so much to society," said Marcelle Din-nall from the Healthcare Education Project, the lobbying arm of 1199SEIU and the Greater New York Hospi-tal Association. "They're now in a vulnerable state in their life, and we should take care of them."

Michael Teller, the administrator at the Hillside Manor Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center, where the rally took place, said it's their obligation to make sure families and residents can rely on the facility.

"When we look at the reimbursements that we get from the state and federal governments, we rely on those significantly for our operating budgets," Teller said, "to make sure we can provide proper staffing, supplies and equipment, education and making sure residents get what they need and deserve."

Assemblyman David Weprin called the \$250 million cut "devastating" to the nursing home industry, noting that 75 percent of residents in nursing homes are covered by Medicaid programs.

"I call on Commissioner Zucker to reopen the task force and deal with these unfair cuts," he said.

In a July 17th letter to state Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker, Weprin wrote that the cuts in administrative reimbursements would "result in closures."

"With an already serious worker shortage in the home care industry in New York City and across the state, licensed home care agencies will be unable to fill the gap in services that ensue," he wrote.

State Senator Leroy Comrie alleged that the state task force that was convened on the issue moved forward with the new methodology without receiving the proper analysis and input.

"How can you put together these cuts without having the dialogue necessary, the feedback neces-sary, from the people who would be most impacted?" he said.

"We understand there's a need to make sure there are savings," Comrie added. "But there's a bigger need to have dialogue so things can be understood. This is not the way the state should handle this."

Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman said nurses will have to do "more with less" when facility budgets are slashed.

"You're asking for trouble, for people to take shortcuts," she said.

Michael Balboni, director of the Greater New York Healthcare Facilities Association, added that health care provider networks never received the numbers prior to the decision. They have filed a lawsuit against the Department of Health.

"I'm convinced there will be homes that will close," he said. "It's unsustainable and it's not where we should be going in health care."

DOH spokesperson Erin Hammond said in a statement that the Fiscal Year 2020 state budget included a change in the calculation used to reimburse nursing homes statewide "in order to ensure that nursing homes are paid accurately and fairly based on the care needs" of 80,000 New Yorkers.

"The department does not expect this change to result in any disruption to nursing home residents and the care they receive," Hammond said, "and is reviewing the court case."



Brand new skate park opens in Laurelton Playground with ribbon-cutting ceremony

Monday, October 28, 2019

By:

Officials cut the ribbon on the brand new Laurelton Playground Skate Park and City Councilman Donovan Richards showed off some of his skateboard skills.

"Every community deserves quality park space that provides residents with a diverse set of opportunities for exercise, relaxation and entertainment," Richards said. "The new Laurelton Playground Skate Park will awaken and energize all of the potential skaters in our community who unsurprisingly come out in full force once they have a new, high-quality environment to enjoy skating safely. Every resident will also be able to enjoy the fitness equipment and social seating area, making this playground an exciting improvement for the surrounding community."



City Councilman Donovan Richards tries out the skateboard run at the brand new Laurelton Playground Skate Park.

Bounded by Laurelton Parkway, 136th Avenue, Brookville Boulevard and 137th Avenue, the Laurelton Playground Skate Park was funded with \$1.1 million from Richards and \$600,000 from Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

"We are excited to expand recreational opportunities and provide new amenities for the Laurelton community to enjoy," NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Michael Dockett said, "I am proud to cut the ribbon on this brand new skate park. Thanks to funding from Borough President Katz and Council Member Richards, people of all ages will make new use of this vital greenspace, which will serve the area for many years to come."

The new park was designed to serve users with a broad range of skills. The site now features a skate island, seat wall, drinking fountain and enhanced landscape.

"This new, top-notch skate park, fitness path and exercise equipment are welcome additions to Laurelton and will be enjoyed by local residents for many years to come," Katz said. "It has been a privilege to work with Council Member Richards and NYC Parks on making this fantastic skate park and fitness area a reality, because everyone deserves high-quality parks and playgrounds where they can have fun and be physically active."

The project features Parks Without Borders design elements that extend the park into the community.

"Skaters and park-goers in southeast Queens will finally have a refuge in their own community for honing their skills," state Senator Leroy Comrie said. "I commend Commissioner Dockett and the NYC Parks Department for their commitment to diversifying the types of recreational amenities available to residents Southeast Queens and enhancing our greenspaces."

Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman praised Dockett and her colleague in government for creating a space open to all.

"Being able to feel a part of the community while you're in the community is a vital experience for all who reside or visit," Hyndman said. "I believe this is another path towards that goal. Congratulations to all."



November Is

Pancreatic cancer is one of the world's deadliest cancers, and we need more attention, awareness, and progress to help patients fight and survive this disease.

During Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, people around the world unite to Demand Better in the fight against the world's toughest cancer, raising awareness about the symptoms and risks of the disease and the urgent need for earlier detection.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS AND RISKS

Currently, there is no standard screening test or early detection method for pancreatic cancer. Some are in development – another sign of the progress happening in the field that needs greater attention and funding support.

Early diagnosis is vital, so listen to your body and don't ignore the signs. If you have symptoms, speak to your healthcare provider as soon as you can.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Pancreatic cancer often doesn't cause any signs or symptoms in the early stages, which can make it hard to diagnose early. Symptoms can also be vague and may come and go, while the severity can also vary for each person. You may not have any or all of these symptoms. It's important to remember that symptoms can be caused by more common things. They can also be caused by conditions such as pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), gallstones, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) or hepatitis (inflammation of the liver).

- Abdominal and mid-back pain
- Unexplained weight loss
- Yellow skin or eyes
- Change in stool
- New-onset diabetes
- Digestive problems
- Loss of appetite
- Mood Change

PANCREATIC CANCER STATISTICS

- Pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate among all major cancers.
- In nearly every country, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a single-digit five-year survival rate (2-9 percent).
- Every day, more than 1,257 people worldwide will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and an estimated 1,184 will die from the disease.
- It is estimated that in 2025, 557,688 new cases will be diagnosed globally.

Source: [Global Cancer Observatory (<http://gco.iarc.fr/>)]

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTORS?

The cause of the majority of pancreatic cancer cases is unknown, but research studies have identified the following risk factors that may increase the likelihood that someone will develop pancreatic cancer.

- Inherited genetic mutations
- Family history of pancreatic cancer
- Family history of other cancers
- Diabetes
- Pancreatitis (chronic and hereditary)
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Race (ethnicity)
- Age
- Diet



HOW IS PANCREATIC CANCER TREATED?

Treatment for pancreatic cancer is dependent on how advanced the cancer is and a patient's overall health. If possible, surgeons will remove the cancer; the most common operation is the Whipple procedure (surgery to remove all or part of the pancreas and other organs). Surgery is usually followed up with chemotherapy.

For metastatic pancreatic cancer (spread to other parts of the body) treatment may include chemotherapy and occasionally radiotherapy too. A patient may also be offered treatment to relieve symptoms and the opportunity to join a clinical trial.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE CONCERNED?

All of the symptoms and risk factors featured on this website can have multiple other causes and the symptoms you are experiencing may well be a sign of something else.

BUT if you've regularly been experiencing one or more of the symptoms mentioned on this website that are persistent, worsening, and not normal for you, do not ignore them, speak to your healthcare provider as soon as you can, and reference pancreatic cancer. If a friend or member of your family is having any of these symptoms, tell them to do the same.

**If pancreatic cancer is found early, it is more treatable
so visiting your doctor could save your life!**



Demand Better.
For Patients. For Survival.

ARCNEWS

Human Behavior on Social Media Is Big Data, and GIS Makes It Actionable

Big Data & Advanced Analytics
Fall 2019

Today, humans are awash in an endless stream of online information channeled by social media platforms. The content, posted mainly by the general public, includes commentary, criticism, observations, photographs, and videos about virtually anything and everything. Often, the postings prove to be little more than a distraction in people's hectic, day-to-day lives.

Still, social media is a powerful communication mechanism. Market research company Statista estimates that there are 2.77 billion regular users of social media today. Technology has driven its growth with progressively more powerful servers, faster internet speeds, and mobile devices that are increasingly common throughout the world. In addition, social media platforms often deliver application programming interfaces (APIs) that allow developers to access their databases so they can create apps that make use of social media data. In turn, data scientists can aggregate and analyze social media posts in real time and apply that data to a wide range of studies. This includes figuring out how to mitigate traffic congestion on roads, monitoring and responding to national and international events as they unfold, and detecting potential disease outbreaks and uncovering their impacts on society.

At San Diego State University (SDSU) in San Diego, California, the Center for Human Dynamics in the Mobile Age (HDMA) was founded in 2013 with the aim of transforming academic research into serviceable information that can lead to making real-time decisions and sound public policy changes. HDMA works across disciplines, including geography, computer science, civil engineering, sociology, public health, linguistics, management information systems, accounting, communication, social work, digital humanities, and public affairs. And it develops scientific theories and computational models for human dynamics (which includes people's interactions on communication networks), big data, social media, and data science.

"Programs of this type point to the future of education because they have the potential to address real needs, rather than purely academic research," said Ming-Hsiang Tsou, a professor of geography at SDSU and the director of HDMA.

Tsou also believes that geography is the key to understanding real-world big data and integrating it into people's daily activities and operations to provide actionable solutions. That's because geographically based data sources, such as GPS devices, environmental sensors, and other monitoring instruments, specify where things occur and provide contextual knowledge for big data.

"By its nature, this data is big, messy, unstructured, and noisy," said Tsou. "The key concepts of geography—place, time, and scale—can help data scientists clean the noise, understand the context, and answer the questions when and where. This can provide greater insight and knowledge for data analytics."

For example, analyzing a flu outbreak using Twitter posts that include a geographic location can help public health agencies allocate vaccines to the right places at the right time.

"Our research focuses on the location-based analysis of geotagged social media data," said Tsou. "This allows us to identify hot spots and compare our results within city districts or between local regions for analysis and action."



At the Center for Human Dynamics in the Mobile Age (HDMA), students and faculty members work on research projects.

Recently, HDMA did a project to determine urban land-use patterns in Beijing, China. The group collected 9.5 million geotagged social media messages from the social media platform Sina-Weibo for six months in the urban core areas of Beijing and compared them with 385,792 commercial points of interest (POI) from Datatang, a Chinese digital data content provider. To estimate urban land-use types and patterns, the team created a grid measuring 400 x 400 meters to divide the urban core areas into 18,492 cells.

“By analyzing the temporal frequency trends of social media messages within each cell using the K-means clustering algorithm, we identified seven types of land-use clusters in Beijing: residential areas, university dormitories, commercial areas, work areas, transportation hubs, and two types of mixed land-use areas,” explained Tsou. “Text mining, word clouds, and the distribution analysis of POI were used to verify the estimated land-use types successfully. This methodology can help urban planners create and analyze up-to-date land-use patterns in a cost-effective manner and better understand dynamic human activity patterns within a city.”

HDMA has developed several computer programs to automatically or semiautomatically collect social media data from Twitter, Sina-Weibo, Google Places, and Reddit. The data is saved in MongoDB, a NoSQL database. NoSQL provides a way to store and retrieve data that is not modeled in tabular relations, the method used in relational or SQL databases.

The data is also exported from MongoDB to the ArcGIS platform to create point and kernel density maps, among other analyses. In addition, HDMA has installed ArcGIS Enterprise for its GIS and ArcGIS GeoEvent Server capabilities for a special project it's doing for the County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services. The project involves collecting and processing real-time traffic data feeds from Waze, the community-based traffic and crowdsourcing navigation app. GeoEvent Server will host the data layers created for an ArcGIS Online service the county is putting together.

The center has also created two software toolsets to analyze and display the data it collects from social media platforms. The first is SMART Dashboard, a search tool for geotagged social media messages. It monitors and aggregates the dissemination of information related to changes in social behavior and provides insight into how a local population is responding to an event or situation. It has been used to track the spread of Ebola, ovarian cancer clusters, wildfires, hurricanes, and marijuana legalization initiatives.

The second is GeoViewer, a web-based mapping app that visualizes the results of the geotagged social media analyses performed by HDMA. Its geospatial functions are easy to use and include the ability to display hot spot and cluster data layers; store multimedia images, including photos and videos; and map historic and real-time social media data. Tsou believes that this can be an important asset for emergency response.

“The metadata collected by social media platforms includes quite a bit of information, such as the identity of the author, when the post occurred, a geotagged location of the post, the content of the post itself, number of reposts, and so on,” said Tsou.

While all that data is incredibly useful, it also brings up concerns about privacy, which Tsou and his team are acutely aware of.

“Our research at HDMA is concerned about privacy issues, and we try to protect the users' privacy as much as we can,” he said. “For example, our GeoViewer software includes geomasking techniques to randomize the actual geotagged locations of users within a 100-meter radius, even though this may slightly reduce the accuracy of our spatial analysis results.”

Tsou thinks that GIScience and data science will only become more tightly integrated.

“That will allow the creation of a new discipline that I call geospatial data science,” he said. “I see it as a transdisciplinary field that will extract knowledge and insight from geospatial big data using high-performance computing resources, spatial and nonspatial statistics, spatiotemporal analysis models, GIS algorithms, machine learning methods, and geovisualization tools.”

He also expects the Esri Geospatial Cloud to play a key role in this new field because of its comprehensive cyber-infrastructure.

“Its seamless technology stack includes a geodata hub for sharing assets and facilitating community engagement, cloud services, online analytic tools, real-time big data processing, and a nice set of presentation options,” Tsou explained. “I believe that geospatial data science will facilitate critical spatial thinking and problem solving for various applications and industries and enable the exploration of new scientific theories.”

Caregiving: There's an app for that

Here's guidance to clear through the clutter of an overwhelming amount of electronic aids

by Marc Saltzman, AARP, November 4, 2019



A comprehensive app for caregivers, CareZone offers several handy features.

You can scan your or your family member's pill bottles to instantly create a detailed list of medications to share with doctors. Or sign up for automatic reminders tied to going to appointments; taking medication; refilling prescriptions and having them delivered to your door for free; or tracking health info, such as blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

CareZone also curates relevant news about your or your loved one's condition, disability or illness.

Finally, scan your insurance card via your smartphone's camera to see if there are discounts on Medicare, available in all 50 states.



Another great app for managing care for loved ones, Caring Village lets you create a custom "village," really a group, to communicate and coordinate care, such as arranging transportation and meals. You can include as many people as you'd like in your village and easily assign roles to individuals.

But the app can do a lot more: Keep track of medications, take advantage of the preparedness checklists, upload important documents you can access anywhere, use the secure in-app messaging feature and write in a wellness journal.

Also check out CaringBridge, a similar app for managing care for loved ones.



This popular caregiving app helps you create and coordinate a community of care around a loved one. You can invite whomever you'd like to the group — such as family, friends, neighbors and professional help — and easily manage everything through the app's intuitive dashboard and calendar feature.

Communicate appointment information; schedule meals, rides and visits; and solicit help by posting requests. You can blast updates, receive messages from loved ones, and share photos from this one app instead of dealing with multiple calls, emails and texts.

Designed to be an extension of the Lotsa Helping Hands website as well as My Cancer Circle, this app is a smart, pocket-size tool to help manage care inside your circle.



The Medisafe app has one simple but important goal: Send you personalized reminders for each of your medications.

Along with the pill reminder and alarm, you will be notified when your prescriptions are running low, or if you shouldn't be mixing specific medications. The app boasts more than 30,000 severe drug-interaction warnings.

Caregivers also can be notified if medications were accidentally missed.

Also in the app is a calendar, doctor appointment manager and a logbook to share, if desired, with a physician.

Powered by GoodRx, you can receive medication coupons and discounts at thousands of drugstores nationwide.

AUGUST 14, 2019 | Albany, NY

Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation Enacting Sweeping Protections for Homeowners

CONSUMER PROTECTION

HOUSING

Enhances Consumer Protection Measures and Closes Loopholes to Prevent Deed Fraud and Mortgage Scams

Requires Banks to Continue Paying HOA Fees on Zombie Properties that are Part of a Co-Op

Safeguards Homeowners by Reforming Obligations of Banks and Financial Institutions during Sale of a Mortgage

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed three measures enacting a package of sweeping homeowner protections. The legislation includes enhancing consumer protection measures and closing loopholes to prevent deed fraud and mortgage scams (A.5615/S.1688); requiring banks to continue paying homeowner's association fees on zombie properties that are part of a co-op (S.4182/A.1800); and safeguarding homeowners by reforming the obligations of banks and financial institutions during sale of a mortgage (A.92A/S.5017A).

"These measures enact sweeping protections for homeowners and close loopholes in order to level the playing field and preserve the American Dream for New Yorkers in every part of this great state," Governor Cuomo said. "With these new protections, we take one more step toward a fairer, stronger New York for all."

Preventing Deed Fraud and Mortgage Scams (A.5615/S.1688)

This law provides better protections for homeowners whose homes are either in default or in foreclosure. It closes loopholes to prevent deed fraud and mortgage scams, increasing the likelihood that a victim will have the opportunity to seek recovery in court.

Requiring Payment of Homeowners' Association Fees (S.4182/A.1800)

This measure requires banks or mortgage holders of vacant and abandoned residential properties to continue paying homeowners' association fees or cooperative fees as needed to maintain a property when it has been abandoned during the foreclosure process. This will help to ensure properties do not become dilapidated before the foreclosure is finalized.

Reforming Bank Obligations During Sale of Mortgage (A.92A/S.5017A)

Consumers who are looking at loan modification options are often in difficult financial situations and are acting to save their homes from foreclosure. The process can be stressful and complicated, and sales or transfers of their loans in the midst of this process can be confusing and additionally stressful. This bill will provide consumers with certain protections if their loan is sold or transferred during the modification process. First, if the loan is transferred during the application process for a loan modification, the original holder of the loan must provide the consumer with a list of all the application documents provided to the buyer or transferee. Second, the bill ensures that if the loan is sold or transferred after a homeowner has been approved for a modification of their mortgage that the subsequent mortgage servicer honors the terms and conditions of the approval.

More than 89,000 low-income New Yorkers are already feeling the effects of the city's Fair Fares program, according to a survey by transit advocates.

Last Wednesday, in front of the Jay Street-MetroTech station in Downtown Brooklyn, members of the Riders Alliance released the initial findings of their online questionnaire.

The group received more than 150 responses, including from 88 New Yorkers living at or below the federal poverty line, and 26 current Fair Fares users.

About 75 percent of respondents found that the half-priced MetroCards have helped them save money, pay bills and avoid the choice of a meal or a subway swipe.

"We were completely ecstatic about it," said Pedro Valdez-Rivera, a longtime Riders Alliance member and NYCHA resident from Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Valdez-Rivera said he and his mother received their card over the summer, and have used it "almost every day."

"We save hundreds of precious dollars per year to pay our bills, buy groceries, medicine and other transportation needs," he said.

Amine Amine, a student at City Tech and a member of the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign, said when he started college, he struggled paying \$110 every month commuting to campus.

"I was paying out of pocket for something my budget could not afford," he said. "I am in a financial situation where I cannot depend on my parents to pay for my trips.

"As a student, my main focus is on school and trying to be the most successful I can be," Amine added. "It is very difficult to do this when I am worried about paying for my trips to school and getting my next meal."

The City Tech student said getting his half-priced MetroCard made him feel relieved.

"Now half of the pressure has been lifted off my back," he said.

Under the Fair Fares program, which began earlier this year, eligible New York City residents receive a 50 percent discount on subway and bus fares, including Pay-per-Ride, unlimited weekly and monthly MetroCards.

The first group of New Yorkers eligible for the program were people receiving cash assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

This fall, Fair Fares expanded to certain CUNY students, veteran students and NYCHA residents who met the eligibility criteria.

In January 2020, the city plans to launch an open enrollment process for all New Yorkers at or below the federal poverty level. Officials have said some 750,000 New Yorkers would be eligible for the program. At the announcement last week, Councilman Carlos Menchaca said while the program has proven to be beneficial, it hasn't reached enough New Yorkers yet.

"This program has the promise, but we're not there yet," he said. "We need to push it faster."

Rebecca Bailin, political director for Riders Alliance, said when asked how the program could work better, survey respondents overwhelmingly said they want the city to expand language support.

They also want the city to make it easier to replace a lost or damaged card.

Additionally, 52 percent of respondents want to see more subway and bus ads for Fair Fares, and another 25 percent recommended social media ad campaigns.

"We want the 90,000 people using Fair Fares to fill out the survey," Bailin said, "so we can bring it to the city to get the program to its full potential."



City Council member Carlos Menchaca joins transit advocates pushing to expand Fair Fares.



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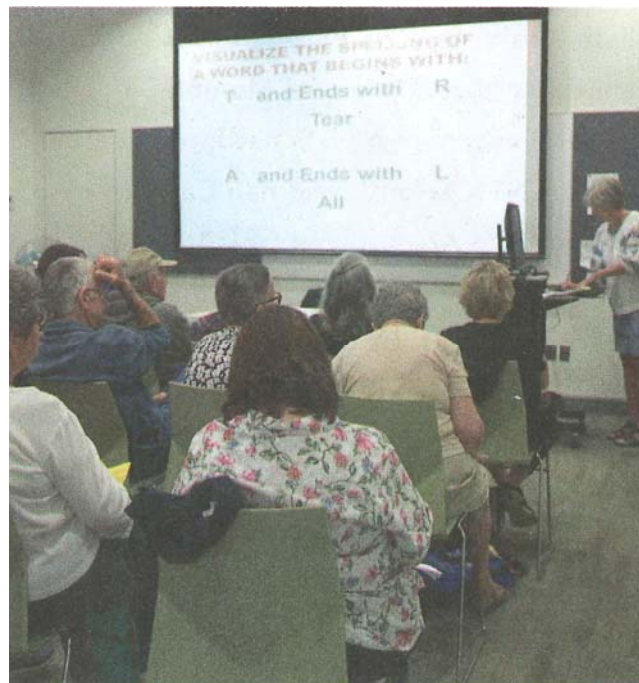
Older Adults Day at Glen Oaks!

On September 25, more than 1,100 people attended Older Adults Day at Glen Oaks Library to enjoy programs, lectures, health care screenings, and more from over twenty organizations, including Northwell Health,

St. John's University, the FDNY, Sunnyside Community Services, and more. Thank you to the Friends of Glen Oaks Library, our dedicated staff members, and the Glen Oaks community for another wonderful day!



Customers learn about Friends of Queens Public Library



RN Kathy Moran leads Brain Games



Jericho is Hiring for a Variety of Positions!

Jericho Project is a nationally-acclaimed nonprofit ending homelessness at its roots by enabling homeless individuals and families to attain quality housing, employment and mental and physical health services. The 36-year-old nonprofit serves over 2,500 individuals, including over 700 veterans, annually. Jericho has been a key partner in New York City's initiative to end veterans' homelessness, and is leading bold, innovative strategies to do the same for families and young adults. Veterans get priority for interviews for these opportunities:

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STARTUP! BUSINESS COMPETITION – Win up to \$10,000 to start a new business. Open to all Queens residents starting a new business. Applications due March 1, 2020. For complete rules and registration log on to www.queensstartup.org

M/WBE CERTIFICATION – Get contracts with NYC and NYS. Open to all minority and women-owned businesses. Visit www.queensny.org/mwbe to find out more.

WOMEN'S POWER NETWORKING – A new speaker every quarter on various aspects of running a business. Check out www.queensny.org/wbc

MIQ – MADE IN QUEENS – For Queens-based makers or manufacturers, consider this marketing program to boost sales and find new selling opportunities. www.madeinqueens.nyc

READY FOR BUSINESS (R4B) – An advanced ESL class for those seeking to improve their English skills AND start a small business. Taught in partnership with the Emerald Isle Immigration Center (Spring 2020 dates to be determined)

QUEENS TOURISM COUNCIL – Serves as a resource for tourists and locals while it promotes events and tourist attractions throughout the borough. www.itsinqueens.com

Fee-Based Programs

ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS (EAC) – A 20-session where you prepare a detailed business plan working closely with the instructor starting fall 2020. The class is limited to a select group and prospective students must be interviewed by the Director. (The Fall 2019 is underway but contact us to be placed on the list for 2020)

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR TRAINING – If you are an unlicensed handyman or women seeking to get your New York City Department of Consumer Affairs Home Contractor License our 18-hour program includes class time in preparing for the test, assistance in filling out all forms and scheduling the test appointment. Classes are monthly and alternate in English, Chinese and Spanish. For class times and locations visit www.queensny.org/hict

ENTREPRENEUR SPACE – Commercial kitchen incubator where you rent space on a shift basis and received business counseling to grow your food business. For a tour contact the office at 718-392-0025 or consult the website: www.entrepreneurspace-qedc.com

The Mission of the QEDC is to create and retain jobs through programming that helps our small business community.



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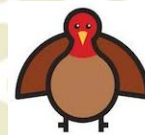
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December Committee Meetings @ QCB13 Board Office:

- **Land Use** - Monday, December 2, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
- **Youth, Education & Libraries** - Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
- **Public Safety** - Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
- **Seniors, Social Services & Special Needs** - Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
- **Special Initiative** - Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
(Location: Linden SDA- 228-20 137 Avenue, Laurelton, NY 11413)
- **Transportation** - Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
- **Parks and Environment** - Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:30 pm
- **Economic Development** - Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
- **Health** - Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Note that due to the Holiday Season, normal Committee Meeting dates may have changed.

The community
is always welcome
to attend!