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Sunnyside Woodside Lions Club Elect New Officers

On Monday June 29th the Lion's Club met at Pete's Grill at 39-14 Queens Blvd. and held their elections. Outgoing President Luke Adams invited long time friend and Past District Governor Ozzie Torres to help oversee and run the election. The new officers that were elected were Eduardo (Eddie) Avila, President, Anne Walsh, Treasurer, Mary Murphy, Secretary, Norberto Saldana, 1st Vice President, Joseph Gurrado, 2nd Vice President and Mark Wilensky, Membership Chairman. The Club takes a summer vacation for the months of July and August. The next meeting will be Monday September 28th and all are welcome.



(L-R) Sunnyside Woodside newly elected officers. Seated – Secretary, Mary Murphy, President, Eddie Avila, Treasurer, Anne Walsh – standing – 2nd Vice President Joe Gurrado, Membership Chair, Mark Wilensky and 1st Vice President, Norberto Saldana.



(L-R) Anne Walsh, Joe Gurrado, Mary Murphy, Norberto Saldana, Past District Governor Ozzie Torres, Mark Wilensky and President Eddie Avila are all congratulated by Ozzie who wishes them well.



Happy Fourth of July from The Woodside Herald



Sunnyside's Molla Corson Memorial Gets Large Turnout

Sunday June 28th the Washington Court in the Sunnyside Gardens enjoyed a celebration and remembrance of Molla Corson. Molla, who moved to Sunnyside in 1947, was a long time active and loving fixture

in the community. Molla passed away at 101 year old in the home she so loved. It was clear by the attendance of almost 100 friends and neighbors at the memorial how loved she was.

The memorial was well

planned and organized by her son Eric and his family. There was a large tent in the center of the courtyard that handled the overflowing crowd. The tent was not only in case of rain but also with many elderly people in attendance to help avoid the possible heat of midday sun.

Eric opened the memorial with the help of his family and filled everyone in on his mother's rich family history. It was enjoyable for all to hear Eric's words of love about his mother, and on hearing Eric speak. I can only say that Molla raised a good son. Eric invited people to share stories about his Mom that lasted well over an hour. Molla's friends spoke and shared stories of a loving strong woman who lived a very active full life.

The memorial ended with



(L-R) Family get ready to plant tree's in Morra memory> Standing (From Left to Right): Dorothy Morehead, George Knowles, Olivia Corson, Jean Prestas and Eric Corson. Seated: (From Left to Right): Tuyet Corson and Candace Corson.

the planting of two trees, dedicated to Molla, in the common courtyard, led by granddaughter Tuyet Corson and Dorothy Morehead, president of the Washington Court Property Owners Association.

Among the attendees were

her son Eric, daughter-in-law Jean, granddaughter Tuyet, step-daughters Candace and Olivia, and cousins Ray and Lia. In addition, there were 20 neighbors from 46th Street and the surrounding blocks, eight former neighbors, former tennis partners, former bridge players, and former students from Camp Oquago, where Molla taught nature study. Also present was Roel Van Der Kooi from Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office.

Molla was a teacher, naturalist, dancer, world traveler, patron of the arts, sports activist, good neighbor, and political activist. In short she lived a life we should all envy and strive to be like. Molla, may you rest in peace and thank you for all you achieved and the legacy you clearly left behind.



Long time friend and Molla's personal attorney Marc Crawford Leavitt, played a tribute of her favorite songs.



The tent located in the Washington Court and help provide shade for the people in attendance.

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MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Real Progress in Our Schools Thanks to Mayoral Control

Summer is officially here and that means the City's beaches - and its 54 pools - are now open for the season. But before we dive headfirst into summer, I'd first like to offer my congratulations to all of the New York City high school students who graduated this semester. Finishing high school is a real achievement and all of our graduates and their families should feel extremely proud. A high school diploma not only opens the door to college and to better jobs and higher wages. It also instills greater self-esteem, which can lead to a lifetime of confidence.

Last month, as students from the Class of '09 lined up to receive those hard-earned diplomas, we also received some heartening news about our City's graduation rates. According to data released by the State Department of Education, New York City's four-year high school graduation rate has hit an all-time high of nearly 61 percent, while the dropout rate has fallen to a new low of 13.5 percent.

In real life terms, that means that since 2005, more than 7,800 additional students in New York City have graduated, while 6,200 fewer have dropped out. What's more: students in every racial group have made significant gains over the past four years - but Black and Hispanic students have clearly made the biggest. Their progress continues to narrow the racial achievement gap that has existed in our schools for far too long.

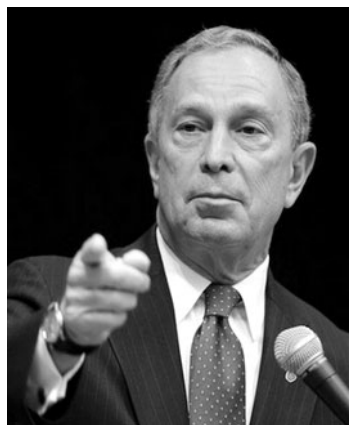
These latest accomplishments continue an upward trend in graduation rates that began in 2002, after the State first granted the City control over its own schools. It's worth noting that in the decade before that - the 1990s - the City's graduation rate hovered around 50 percent, dropping at times into the high 40s.

It's painful to look back and realize that our City failed to educate half its students for all those years. But under the old school board structure, everyone had power, yet no one was really in charge. And that's exactly what created the paralysis and dysfunction that used to define our public school system.

Mayoral control of schools has been fundamental to changing all that. The school governance law passed by the State is what gave us the authority to phase out social promotion, to implement fair funding for all schools, to achieve an agreement on merit-based pay for teachers, to empower our school principals, and to ensure accountability by publishing progress reports for every school.

Reauthorizing mayoral control is absolutely essential to keeping the momentum going. We cannot afford to let all of the progress we've made in our schools over the past seven years slip through our grasp. And we can't ever return to the days when City schools consistently failed half our students. That was never more clear to me than last week, when I had the pleasure of watching students from the Class of '09 proudly accept their diplomas.

Congratulations to those students once again. They are the future of our City - and thanks to their hard work, that future has never been brighter.



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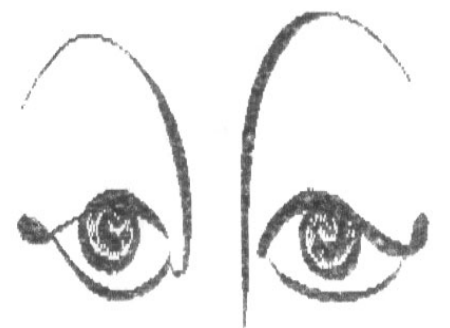
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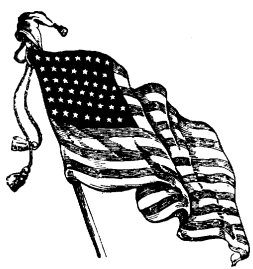
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**REP. CAROLYN MALONEY
ANNOUNCES \$37 MILLION IN
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
QUEENS PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS**

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-Queens & Manhattan) heralded the infusion of \$37 million in federal stimulus funds for infrastructure improvements and beautification efforts in and around Queens Plaza. The \$37 million will allow the city to expand the Queens Plaza Roadway Rebuilt Project.

“Queens Plaza is a critical gateway in New York City. It should be an elegant, graceful boulevard that links the great borough of Queens with the densely urban metropolis of Manhattan. Thanks to the infusion of \$37 million in federal stimulus funds, we are now poised to welcome Queens Plaza into the 21st Century and turn our dreams for Long Island City into a reality,” said Congresswoman Maloney.

“Coupled with more than \$19 million in federal funding for the Queens Plaza Roadway Rebuilding Project that I previously helped to secure, bringing the total federal support for the project to more than \$56 million, we will now be able to extend the improvements in the area all the way down to the

waterfront. This funding will effectively allow the City to revitalize the entire area surrounding Queens Plaza and the Queensborough Bridge.

“This renovation will do more to change the character of this neighborhood than any other government investment in a generation. The private sector has made this neighborhood into one of New York’s great business districts. It’s time for the public sector to step up and make sure that the traffic flow and amenities match a flourishing residential and business district.

“The improvements made possible by the infusion of federal funds will replace traffic snarls, frightening crossing areas and a forbidding landscape with green spaces and improved traffic conditions. Not only will the growth potential of Long Island City as a commercial business district be limitless, but Queens Plaza will also become a more attractive amenity for residents and visitors, with more green, open space in a more pedestrian-friendly and cyclist-friendly environment,” said Congresswoman Maloney.

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By Patrick John Donnelly

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What England had expected
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The British Army would keep them down
Minute men arose against subjection
And freedom for all without exception
They would not remain under submission
So they set upon their mission
They remained hale and hearty
Then had a Boston Tea Party
The Patriots fought with vigor
Through much severity and rigor
They were led by a man of vision
And followed him without division
The British were on the run
The battle finally won
George Washington had a huge imagination
That led him to form this great nation
No other nation has the semblance
To the USA’s independence.
Let us continue their dreams
And defend against all extremes.*

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan: Assembly Passes Major Overhaul of Lobbying, Ethics Laws

Assemblywoman Nolan (D-Queens) announced the Assembly passed landmark ethics reform legislation increasing financial disclosure and creating independent ethics entities (A.9032).

"The Assembly has been a leader on ethics reform, and we are continually striving to improve the way government does business," Assemblywoman Nolan said. "Two years ago, we passed historic ethics reforms banning gifts from lobbyists and implementing stronger penalties for ethics and lobbying law violations. However, combining the stronger Lobbying Commission with the weaker Ethics Commission didn't work, so we are working to fix that in this legislation. We're improving oversight and continuing our efforts to make state government more open and accountable."

Assemblywoman Nolan said the bill creates the following bodies to address the influence of special interest money, lobbying and ethics and to perform investigations in state government:

* New York State Commission on Lobbying Ethics and Compliance: A six-member independent state commission fo-

cused on lobbying, two of its members would be appointed by the governor, and the remaining four by each of the legislative leaders. Commission members would serve four-year terms, with a chair and vice-chair elected by the majority of its members.

* Executive Ethics and Compliance Commission: This commission would be reconstituted to oversee the executive branch's ethics compliance, replacing the current Commission on Public Integrity. The governor, comptroller and attorney general would each appoint two commissioners.

* Joint Legislative Commission on Ethics Standards: This body would be responsible for ethics disclosure, training and education for legislators and staff, advisory opinions, and the imposition of penalties for violations.

* Legislative Office of Ethics Investigation: This new, independent office would consist of eight members and receive referrals from the Joint Legislative Commission on Ethics Standards and the Assembly and Senate standing committees on ethics, as well as complaints about ethics violations from the public.

Assemblywoman Nolan

said each of the four oversight bodies would have an executive director appointed by a majority vote to a three-year term, giving the executive director more security and immunity from outside pressure.

"It's important that we strengthen New York's ethics laws," Assemblywoman Nolan said. "This legislation develops a more comprehensive approach to ethics reform that shines even greater light on our democratic process. By insisting that all commissioners of ethics boards be truly independent, they can act without fear

of retaliation. It also helps to restore public confidence in state government, something we must always try to improve."

Assemblywoman Nolan said the bill requires additional financial disclosure - especially with respect to consulting services, business and appearances before state agencies. And lobbyists and clients of lobbyists would be required to disclose business relationships with state public officials.

The Committee on Open Government would prepare an annual report on or before Mar. 1 summarizing the public actions of the Joint Legislative Commission on Ethics Standards, Legislative Office of Eth-

ics Investigation, the State Commission on Lobbying, the Senate and Assembly standing committees on ethics, and the Executive Ethics and Compliance Commission. This report would be sent to top officials in every facet of state government, and is another tool in providing checks and balances.

"No longer will financial disclosure statements have information redacted. This is an important step toward opening up state government and making it more accountable to the people we represent," Assemblywoman Nolan said. "By improving the ethical standards, we continue to make state government more accountable to the people."

Statement by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg On State Senate's Refusal To Vote On Pending School Governance And City Tax Legislation

"I said this afternoon that today, June 30, 2009, would be a day that will tell us an awful lot about our State Senate. Sadly, that has turned out to be entirely true. Like millions of New Yorkers, I had hoped that when push came to shove, our Senators would muster the courage to rise above partisan gridlock and do what's right on school governance, our sales

tax, and so many other issues. Unfortunately, they did not. The fact is, there is broad, bi-partisan support for the school governance bill, but it's being held hostage to partisan politics. All we want is all 62 Senators to come together and take a vote. Because the Senate refused to act like a responsible body today, come tomorrow, sadly, the lawyers take over in New York City schools. Every decision - from personnel decisions to policy decisions - will be subject to litigation and uncertainty. But make no mistake about it, we will not allow Albany dysfunction to padlock our school

buildings or cancel the summer school sessions our kids need to get ahead.

"The Senate's failure to act today also cost us at least \$60 million in lost revenue. That's what it costs the NYPD to support 600 police officers for a month, or what our Department for the Aging spends to keep all 305 Senior Centers open for eight months. The \$60 million the State Senate cost us today could potentially mean layoffs that would hurt families when they can least afford it, and will certainly mean cuts to services that every New Yorker needs."



Wishing everyone a happy and safe 4th of July as we proudly celebrate and cherish our independence



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It's that time of year when college students across the country reach for their backpacks and head back to campus - while their parents reach for their checkbooks and head for the Tylenol. If your children are still quite young, though, you can take steps now to reduce the headaches that may come from those big college bills.

Just how expensive is it to send a child through college these days? It's pretty expensive. In fact, it costs more than \$16,000 for one year at a four-year public college or university, according to the College Board. And college costs have been rising considerably faster than the general rate of inflation, so the high costs of higher education are, in all likelihood, only going to get higher.

Of course, you may not have to foot your child's college bills all by yourself. Scholarships and loans are available, and many students work part-time jobs, both during school and on summer vacations. And yet, you may need, or want, to help pay for a sizable percentage of college expenses. To meet this obligation, you need to save early, save often - and use the right savings vehicles.

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Section 529 savings plan - In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments, managed by an investment professional. Contribution limits are quite high - more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans, although special gifting provisions may apply. And all withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of your child or grandchild. This tax benefit was scheduled to expire in 2010, but it was made permanent by one of the provisions in the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal,

state and penalty taxes. (Also, Section 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.) Contributions are tax deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan.

Permanent insurance - If you own some type of "permanent" insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, you'll have a chance to build cash value. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you can take policy loans for virtually any reason you choose - including paying for college. Keep in mind, though, that if you don't fully repay the loan, your policy may lapse, and if you pass away before repaying the loan, the total amount owed, including interest, will be subtracted from the death benefit.

Before making any of these moves, please consult with your tax and financial advisors. But don't wait too long - your children may be young now, but time flies.

This article comes as a courtesy of your local Financial Advisor Vincent Renda located at 47-01 Queens Blvd. Suite 203 Sunnyside NY 11104. Phone him at 718-361-1306.

Kelly Cabezas Makes SVA's Dean's List

After review of your record for the spring 2009 semester, I see that you have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 and successfully completed 15.0 undergraduate credits. As such, I am very pleased to inform you that you have been placed on the College's Dean's List.

On behalf of the faculty and administration at School of Visual Arts, please accept my heartfelt congratulations; we are all very pleased with your accomplishment. SVA students work especially hard and being placed on the Dean's List is the mark of serious dedication to your studies.

Your department chair and academic advisor have been notified of your Dean's List status. Furthermore, this status will be indicated on your official SVA transcript for the 2009 semester.



Kelly was lucky enough to go to the South of France for two weeks with SVA teachers and students for an Art History class. Pictured is Kelly with one of the tour guides.

At School of Visual Arts, we believe it is important to recognize scholastic achievement and your performance this past semester was exemplary. Keep up the excellent work.

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We will watch the short video prior to the lesson. Books with mandala images will also be available for inspiration. Mandala is the sanskrit word for circle. It is a symbol that reminds us of our relationship to the infinite both beyond and within. Creating a mandala is a calming and enjoyable experience that can help us to experience a sense of oneness with the ultimate unity from which the cosmos in all its manifold forms arise. Carl Jung saw the mandala as the unconscious self and believed that his paintings of mandalas enabled him to work towards wholeness in personality. Mandalas are also a key part of anuttarayoga tantra meditation practices.

Most importantly we will have a fun as we tune into ourselves, connect to our neighbors and to nature in the relaxing garden at Nourish NYC, 43-15 Queens Blvd. Sunnyside NY 11104, Call 718 433-4443

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Namaste About Nancy Gesimondo is a local Sunnyside resident who has a BA in Fine Arts. She's a teacher at the School of Visual Arts in NYC.

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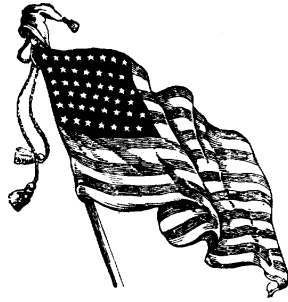
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and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by **GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.**, hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. § 1106(4); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed June 25, 2009. **HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County **ALICEMARIE E. RICE** Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. **GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.** (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard Suite 626 Rego Park, NY 11374. **This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24/09**

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**WELCOME HOME
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Saving More Than Money!

Forget about tree-hugging - the high cost of energy is making environmentalists out of everyone! Homebuilders and homeowners are no exception, and it's anticipated that by 2010, about ten percent of all new homes will be "green."

The biggest challenge to green building has been the misconception that it costs more to construct such a home. But if you do the math over the long run, the money saved will far outpace the money invested.

Consider that environmentally sound design actually uses

less construction materials, and you can see that green buildings may indeed cost less to build than more traditional methods. Buckminster Fuller developed the idea of dome buildings decades ago, and builders are now capitalizing on the fact that a "dome home" might use only a third or even a quarter of the materials needed to construct a traditional house.

Aside from using less materials, the materials being chosen these days are also more durable than those used in the past. That translates into lower

repair and replacement costs. Sounding better and better, isn't it?

Finally, environmentally and financially friendly design manifests itself outside of the home, where dry landscaping (xeriscaping) helps to conserve water. "Green" homes also save water with fixtures like low-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads, and water recycling systems built right in. It's good for you, your wallet, and your planet!



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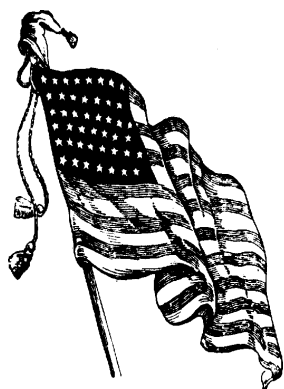
The Dry Eye

The normal eye is kept moist by a thin film of tears on its surface. Most of these tears are produced by glands under the upper lid and are spread across the cornea with each blink. If the tear production is reduced for any of a variety of reasons, you will suffer symptoms of hot, burning dry eyes. In very severe cases, the cornea may dry, become cloudy and affect your sight.

Your optometrist can check how much tear fluid you have by placing special strips of paper under the lids and noting the amount of wetness produced in a given time period. If the amount is moderately low, you can gain comfort by using drops of artificial tears. For a critical shortage, a soft contact lens may be indicated to keep the eye moist.

A dry eye can also result if the tear production is normal, but the blink reflex is missing. When this occurs, the tears cannot be spread across the eye.

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Letters To The Editor



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

Dear Editor:

Several of my neighbors have complained to me about receiving large rent increases through the Major Capital Improvement (MCI) program. Renovating an aging elevator is no more an "improvement" than replacing worn tires on an automobile. I call on our Albany legislators to drastically reform the MCI laws to make it fairer to tenants!

Sincerely,
Edwin Aviles

Hunters Point has changed. It is time for the LIRR to change. Stop the pollution. Stop the noise. Turn off the engines.

Joe Conley
Community Board 2,
Queens



HERALD'S KITCHEN

~Local Food From Local Friends~

The Herald would love to feature YOUR favorite recipes for Summer. Send them via email to: SherilynSabba@WoodsideHerald.com and we will print them in our upcoming issues.

This weeks recipe is..... Wave Your Flag Cheesecake

1 qt. (4 cups) fresh strawberries, divided	Whipped Topping, thawed	gelatin; stir gently. Spoon over cake. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set.
1-1/2 cups boiling water	SLICE 1-cup strawberries; halve remaining strawberries. Set aside. Add boiling water to gelatin mixes in large bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add ice to cold water to measure 2 cups. Also to gelatin; stir until ice is completely melted. Refrigerate 5 min. or until slightly thickened.	BEAT cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with whisk until well blended. Stir in Cool Whip; spread over gelatin. Arrange strawberry halves on cream cheese mixture to resemble stripes of flag. Add remaining blueberries for stars.
2 pkg. (3 oz. Each) JELL-O Strawberry Flavor Gelatin	Ice cubes	MEANWHILE, line bottom of 13x9-inch dish with cake. Add sliced strawberries and 1-cup blueberries to thickened
1 cup of cold water	1 pkg. (10.75 oz.) pound cake, cut into 10 slices	One serving makes enough for 20 servings.
1-1/3 cups blueberries, divided	2 pkg. (8 oz. Each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened	
1/4 cup sugar	1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip	

LIRR Long Island City Station/Yard

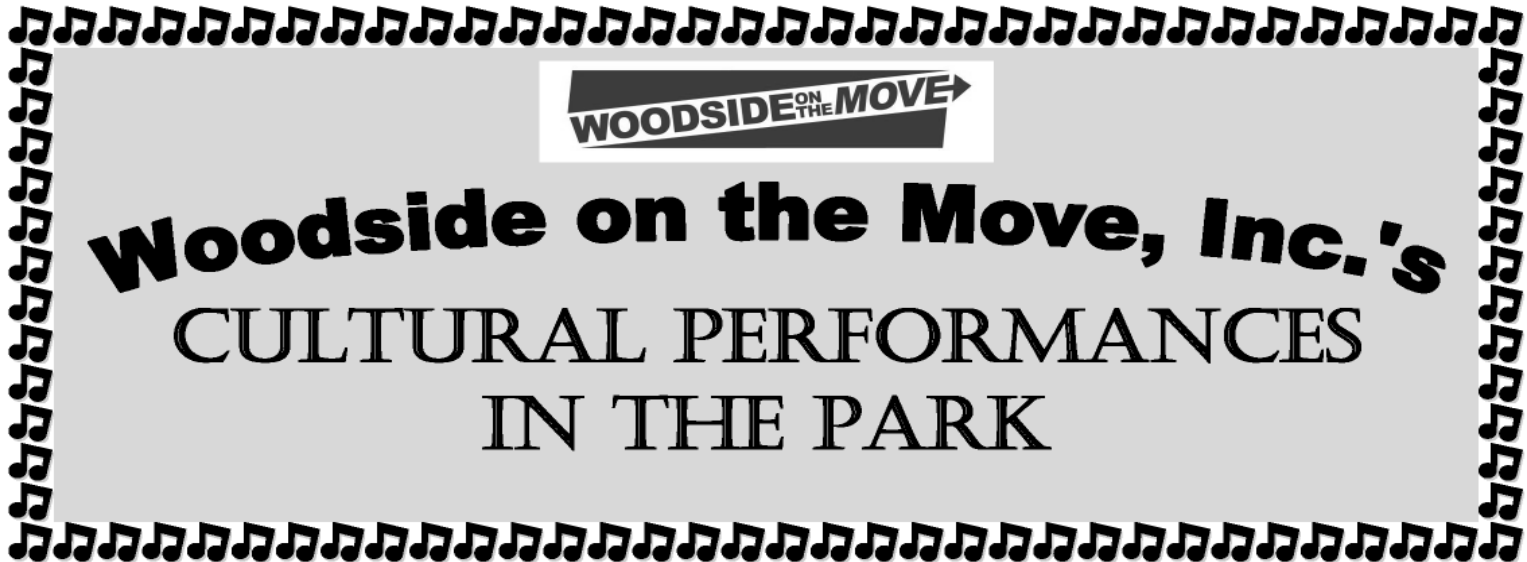
Dear Editor:

Joe Conley of Community Board 2 says every morning, Monday through Friday at 7:34 AM, the first train arrives on Borden Avenue in Long Island City, spewing diesel fumes and noise. Another one arrives at 8:07 AM, and again at 8:34, then again at 8:44 with the last one at 9:36 AM. And there they sit idle, all day, with engines running, discharging fumes into the air with noise that reverberates off surrounding buildings until the first one rolls out at 3:24 PM with the last one leaving at 5:52 PM. This is life on Borden Avenue in Hunters Point with the Long Island Railroad.

The Long Island Railroad station known as Long Island City is not new. This station has been part of Hunters Point for almost 100 years. A lot has changed in Hunters Point over the years, but not as much in the last three years. Construction is everyone with more and more new residential buildings, including several new residential buildings directly across from the LIRR station. More people breathing fumes from idling trains.

Everyday in the news we are reminded that the MTA will have to raise fares because of expenses. Note to the MTA: Train engines running all day burn a lot of fuel. This could be a cost saving measure and at the same time stop pollution. Double bonus for the community, the environment, and riders who pay for the price of fuel. Saving money and breathing easier. Wow. What a concept for the MTA to grasp.

A tougher Idling Law went in to effect in February 2009, but somehow the LIRR has not gotten the message. Polluting the air is against the law and we are asking the MTA to turn off the engines.



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