ON SATURDAY, STOP AND SHOP announced separate morning hours for patrons over 60 to minimize risk and crowds.

THE 10TH ANNUAL QUEENS WORLD Film Festival will stream live from March 19 to 29 on discover TV. Over 200 films from dozens of countries of origin will be shown, in a free medium slightly different than organizers initially planned.

“FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME, humans have gathered together around the flickering lights in our darkened caves to share our stories,” said Katha Cato, executive director of QWFF. “Although the flickering lights have become zeros and ones, we’ve changed the nature of our caves, but the impulse to gather endures.”

THE QUEENS MARATHON HAS BEEN postponed until November. 

PROHEALTH IS SET TO OPEN DRIVE through COVID-18 testing in the parking lot of the Little Neck location on Wednesday, according to Newsday. Testing is for their primary care patients.

SOME RESIDENTS OF BRIDGEVIEW II Co Apartments in Astoria were without heat and hot water over the weekend, according to QNS. As of Tuesday morning, the hot water was still not back up for everyone.

ALL MACY’S AND BLOOMINGDALE’S locations will be closed until at least March 31.

STATE SEN. JAMES SANDERS JR. will host a virtual and interactive community conversation on Facebook at noon today.

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING WILL BE suspended from March 18 to 24. Meters will still be in effect.

A DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS Services employee from Brooklyn was arrested in Ozone Park on Tuesday morning following a dispute over a vehicle being towed, according to AM New York. He was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, criminal possession of a weapon and trespassing.

COMMUNITY BOARD 3 WILL HAVE their monthly meeting by teleconference at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Speakers must register with the district manager by 5 p.m. today.

Queens Village GOP cancels Bannon gala

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Steve Bannon’s trip to Queens is cancelled. The Queens Village Republican Party has called off its $125-per-plate annual gala featuring Bannon as keynote speaker. The former advisor to President Donald Trump and the ex-editor of nationalist news site Breitbart — who has been spreading conspiracy theories about the spread of COVID-19 — was set to deliver the keynote speech at the organization’s “Lincoln Dinner” at Antun’s Caterers, 8:30 p.m at noon today. Thus our 145th Anniversary Lincoln Dinner will not take place,” the VQGOP wrote on its website Monday.

“We regret to inform you that New York State is closing all dining and entertainment establishments which includes Antun’s Caterers, effective 8pm Monday evening. Thus our 145th Anniversary Lincoln Dinner will not take place,” the VQGOP wrote on its website Monday.

After the Eagle first reported on Bannon’s marquee role at the dinner, the organization Media Matters for America urged the VQGOP to cancel the event amid the coronavirus outbreak. MMFA pointed out that Bannon had been spreading misinformation about COVID-19 and that another marquee guest, the British blogger Katie Hopkins, had encouraged her Twitter followers to spread coronavirus in order to “build their immunity.”

EX-WHITE HOUSE AIDE Steve Bannon won’t be visiting Queens Village next week after all. AP Photo/Evan Vucci, file

COVID crisis

Low-income families brace for financial impact of school, work shutdowns

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Luis Acapinas walked briskly past Wyckoff Heights Hospital in Bushwick Sunday night, his son Brandon, a second-grader, pushing a scooter next to him as they entered Ridgewood.

A few hours earlier, Mayor Bill de Blasio had announced that New York City public schools would close until at least April 20 as the COVID-19 outbreak spreads. The drastic decision, driven by mounting pressure from teachers, unions and public health experts, left tens of thousands of families like the Acapinas in a bind as they face tough decisions about work and childcare.

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NYPD suspends e-bike crackdown amid COVID-19 outbreak

By Victoria Merlino
Queens Daily Eagle

The NYPD will no longer be targeting delivery workers who use e-bikes as restaurants are forced to only serve take-out and delivery during the coronavirus outbreak.

Mayor Bill de Blasio told reporters Monday that the NYPD would provide guidance to each precinct about the change in policy.

The enforcement suspension comes as entertainment venues, gyms, bars and restaurants were ordered to indefinitely shut their doors to diners by the city and state Monday night.

The change for e-bike riders was first reported by Streetsblog.

Advocates have long fought to make e-bikes and e-scooters legal in New York, and saw some success with the passage of e-bike bills in the State Senate and Assembly last year. Gov. Andrew Cuomo vetoed the legislation in December 2019, however, citing safety concerns.

Delivery workers who use e-bikes still will face a $500 fine. Advocates applauded de Blasio’s move to suspend enforcement, and called for a permanent end to the crackdown.

“As New York City restaurants are forced to close for dine-in customers, delivery workers will play a critical role in keeping New Yorkers fed during the coronavirus outbreak,” Transportation Alternatives Executive Director Danny Harris said. “These 40,000 workers, many of whom rely on e-bikes, are on the front lines of this crisis, yet their e-bikes remain illegal.”

Make the Road New York Co-Executive Director Deborah Axst called the suspension a “major victory for delivery workers.”

The workers, she said “have fought hard for years to stop criminalization that put them at risk every day, just for doing jobs on which all of us depend.”

The coronavirus outbreak has drastically impacted life in New York City in recent days, with officials closing all public schools and encouraging all residents who can to stay at home.
Cuomo open to ‘shelter in place’ order, says coronavirus peak is at 45 days

By Mary Frost

Gov. Andrew Cuomo told New Yorkers Sunday night that “the buck stops on my desk” as he laid out the state’s plan, and to some extent, the region’s plan, for combating the novel coronavirus. Experts have predicted the COVID-19 outbreak will peak in 45 days, Cuomo said, setting an unprecedented deadline for creating thousands of new hospital beds to handle the expected influx of patients with acute respiratory illness.

Asked whether he would consider implementing a “shelter in place” order, the governor said “it is likely that we’re going to take more steps to slow the spread by reducing the density.”

Cuomo went on to say that before imposing a shelter in place order in New York City, “we have to look at other non-essential workplaces where people congregate.”

The order, called for national unity at this historic moment, saying, “We’re not Democrats, we’re not Republicans, we’re Americans at the end of the day.”

After years of cutbacks, there are only 53,000 in-patient beds in the state, including just 3,000 of the all-important Intensive Care Unit beds, of which 80 percent are currently occupied.

With the current state’s hospital capacity overwhelmed from the virus somewhere between 15 and 19 percent, Cuomo projected Monday that New York will need between 55,000 to 110,000 additional hospital beds to handle the outbreak, and of these, 18,000 to 37,200 must be ICU beds.

ICU beds come with ventilators and other equipment, and “ventilators are very hard to get,” Cuomo said, due to demands from other parts of the world.

The state is taking two tacks to reduce the stress on its health care system. The first is to “flatten the curve” and to reduce hospital visits, it means we’re going to take more steps to slow the spread by reducing the density,” Cuomo said.

“If we can’t reduce the flow, we need a shelter in place,” he said, adding that if patients coming in over time, he said.

He said New York is coordinating restaurant, food delivery, and that they are exploring ways to possibly take some of the people in need patients traveling across state lines to hospitals coming in from out of state.

The state will organize the National Guard and is working with building unions and private developers to find existing facilities such as “military bases, hotels, low-density,” Cuomo said that can be converted to backup medical facilities. Some facilities will be built inside tents, such as a testing center that debuted yesterday at the Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Cuomo has appointed Greater New York Hospital Association President Ken Raske and Northeast Health President Michael Dowling to lead a council to develop hospital surge capacity. They would meet weekly.

Cuomo has also called on the Trump administration to throw the full power of the government behind efforts of Coalition for Educational Engineers into converting SUNY universities dorms and government facilities to hospitals.

“I spoke with the president yesterday. He is ready, willing and able to do everything he can to put the resources that can be done into people working in partnership with the president,” he said.

“I think he is 100 percent sincere in saying he wants to work together.”

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New York City schools are closed as of Monday morning, until at least after spring break, as the city considers how best to balance the lives of children and adults who are more susceptible to the new coronavirus.

That means she’s not earning any money right now, she said. Her husband, a firefighter, has had most of his upcoming job canceled because of the threat of the virus.

“Definitely a lot of uncertainty,” she said.

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With NYC schools closed, many parents become reluctant homeschoolers

By Rena Amin and Alex Zimmerman

Families across New York City grappled Monday with the first day of an unprecedented citywide shutdown of schools.

Leaving home sparked a range of early concerns, top among them: What role are parents expected to play in their child’s education? How will they keep their children engaged with their classmates’? How will they balance their work and family life? How will they keep their children from becoming bored?

“Is the school year going to be extended to compensate for what’s going on?” she wondered. “If it is your assignment, due by this date,”' she asked. “Is the school year going to be extended to compensate for what’s going on?”

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With the state’s current hospital capacity full and other venues like, “You’re just gonna have to take their word for it,” she said.

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“I think for the first time in my son’s academic life, he was disappointed not to be able to go to school. He was like, ‘But we’re baking,’ and I was like, ‘You’re just gonna have to bake with me for the next couple of months.’”

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The truth about St. Patrick's Day

By James Farrelly
The Conversation

In 1997, my students and I traveled to Croagh Patrick, a mountain in County Mayo, as part of a study abroad program on Irish literature I was teaching for the University of Dayton. I wanted my students to visit the place where, each July, thousands of pilgrims pay homage to St. Patrick, who, according to lore, fasted and prayed on the summit for 40 days.

While there, our tour guide relayed the story of how St. Patrick, as he lay on his death bed on March 17 in A.D. 461, supposedly asked those gathered around him to toast his heavenly journey with a “wee drop of whiskey” to ease their pain.

The mention of whiskey left me wondering if St. Patrick may have unintentionally influenced the way most of the world celebrates the holiday today: by drinking.

It wasn’t always this way. The Festival of St. Patrick began in the 17th century as a religious and cultural commemoration of the bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland. In Ireland, there’s still an important religious and cultural component to the holiday, even as it has simply become an excuse to wear green and heavily drink in the rest of the world.

The legend of St. Patrick

Because historical details about St. Patrick’s life remain shrouded in speculation, scholars are often stymied in their attempts to separate fact from legend.

In his spiritual memoir, “Confessio,” St. Patrick describes how he was brought to Ireland as a slave. He eventually escaped, rejoining his family in Britain, probably Scotland. But while there, he had a recurring dream, in which the “Voice of the Irish” called to him to return to Ireland in order to baptize and minister to them. So he did.

The Irish revere the account of this dream described in the “Confessio”; they accept the simplicity and fervor of his words and feel a debt of gratitude for his unselfish commitment to their spiritual well-being.

St. Patrick’s efforts to convert the Irish to Catholicism were never easy. Viewing him as a challenge to their power and authority, the high kings of Ireland and the pagan high priests, called Druids, resisted his efforts to make inroads with the population. But through his missionary zeal, he was able to fuse Irish culture into Christianity, whether it was through the introduction of the Celtic Cross or the use of bonfires to celebrate feasts like Easter.

Again, many of these stories could amount to no more than myth. Nonetheless, centuries after his death, the Irish continue to show their gratitude for his patron saint by wearing a spray of shamrocks on March 17. They start the day with mass, followed by a daylong feast, and prayer and reflection at night.

St. Paddy’s Day goes global

From 1820 to 1860, almost 2 million people left Ireland, many due to the potato famine in the 1840s and 1850s. More followed in the 20th century to reunite with relatives and escape poverty and joblessness back home.

Once settled, they found new ways to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and their Irish identity in their new homes. Irish-Americans, especially, were quick to transform March 17 into a commercial enterprise. The mandatory “wearin’ of the green” in all its garishness is a far cry from the original tradition of wearing a spray of shamrocks to honor St. Patrick’s death and celebrate Irish solidarity. Parades famously sprang up — especially in New York and Boston — revelry ensued and, sure enough, even the beer became green.

Children of Irish-Americans in the United States have absorbed Irish culture at a distance. Many probably know that St. Patrick is Ireland’s patron saint. But they might not fully appreciate his mythic stature for kids growing up on the emerald isle.

Ask children of any age in Ireland what they know about St. Patrick, and they will regale you with stories of his magical abilities, from his power to drive the snakes out of Ireland to his use of the three leaves and one stem of the shamrock to demystify the Trinity doctrine of the Catholic Church.

They see St. Patrick as a miracle worker, and as adults, they keep the legends alive in their own ways. Some follow St. Patrick’s footsteps all around Ireland — from well to hill to altar to chapel — seeking his blessing and bounty wherever their journeys take them.

Of course, in America, the holy day is really a party, above all else.

This year, Americans are expected to spend $6.16 billion celebrating, with 13 million pints of Guinness consumed. Some parts of the country plan a pre-celebration on Sept. 17 — or, as they call it, “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day.”

Where all of this leads is anyone’s guess. But beginning in the 1990s, Ireland seemed to grasp the earning potential of the Americanized version. Today, March 17 remains a holy day for the natives and a holiday for tourists from around the world, with pubs raking in the euros on St. Patrick’s Day.

But I’ve always wondered: What if St. Patrick had requested a silent prayer instead of “a wee drop of whiskey” to toast his passing? Would his celebration have stayed more sacred than profane?

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Hopkins has been frequently criticized for her hateful, particularly xenophobic, comments, including a recent column in which she wrote that COVID-19 would make “borders are beautiful again” by halting international flights and quarantining cities.

The QVGOP did not respond to multiple calls from the Eagle Monday about whether it would cancel the dinner before publishing its online announcement.

Last week, QVGOP President Philip Orenstein called the event a “celebration to encourage people, to inspire the Republican Party and inspire fellow patriots so we can grow and organize, and energize the troops.”

Orenstein also downplayed the criticism of Bannon and Hopkins in an interview with the Eagle. The pair of provocateurs were set to pose for photos with attendees for $50.

“Anyone can hold whatever opinion they want of people,” Orenstein said. “People in the limelight are going to be a target, I know Katie Hopkins has been targeted because she takes a strong stance — people have a right to their opinions”

Assemblymember Clyde Vanel, whose district office is located across the street from Antun’s declined to criticize the event. He said he welcomes perspectives across the political spectrum, even if he disagrees with them.

“In this country I am a defender of the First Amendment and I’ll fight for the ideas that I believe in and I’ll fight for things I don’t agree with,” Vanel said. “I love to have diverse opinions right in my neighborhood.”

Many residents were angry with the choice of speakers — a departure from past QVGOP galas featuring more moderate headliners, like Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Rabbi Rachel Goldenberg, who leads the congregation at the Malkhut synagogue and co-chairs the Jews for Racial and Economic Justice Rabbinical Council, said it was “painful” that many of her Queens neighbors would embrace Bannon as a keynote speaker.

“As a rabbi, as a Jew, I know that there are plenty of Jews in Queens who find this to be a despicable choice for a keynote speaker in our community,” Goldenberg said. “By welcoming them they’re supporting white supremacy and bigotry. Steve Bannon has been working for years to elevate forces of White Nationalism and bigotry and racism against immigrants.

“He proudly foments hatred against Muslims, and people of color and Jews,” she continued. “His platform has been empowering white supremacists who have been committing violence.”

Additional reporting by Rachel Vick.
Joe Tsai, the billionaire owner of the Brooklyn Nets, the New York Liberty and Downtown’s Barclays Center, may feel the economic effects of the NBA’s recent shutdown due to growing concerns over the coronavirus.

But the 56-year-old co-founder and executive vice chairman of Alibaba Group knows that there are people working in and around his organization that need immediate financial relief from what is shaping up to be an extended stretch of inactivity for his team and its arena.

"With the aim of helping Barclays Center staff get through this difficult time, we commit to provide relief to hourly employees for the paychecks they would have earned if Brooklyn Nets regular season games and non-Nets events at Barclays Center were to continue as originally scheduled," read a statement issued over the weekend by Tsai’s Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment group. "The plan will cover the period from now until the end of May unless the events are rescheduled before that," the release said. "We will work closely and expeditiously with our part-time and hourly employees, who would have also been on hand for any concerts and/or special events at the arena, for the next several months if not the foreseeable future."

During a time where all non-salaried employees or freelancers are awaiting work and wondering when, or if, they will receive some sort of compensation from their current employers, Tsai’s show of good will came without any pressure or prompting.

"Hourly employees at Barclays Center are the bedrock of the fan experience in the arena," the release said. "Whether it’s a big smile as fans enter the building or keeping the seats clean or making sure the concession stands are stocked with your favorite items, they are on the frontlines to make our fans feel special. They keep the lights on and the house clean, and they are the first ones to arrive and last ones to leave the building."

Last week’s suspension of the NBA season, which was immediately followed by shutdowns in Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League and virtually all professional and amateur sporting leagues worldwide, left Barclays Center dark for the weekend by Tsai’s Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment group. "The plan will cover the period from now until the end of May unless the events are rescheduled before that," the release said.

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The Barclays Center, shut down for sporting events and concerts during this ongoing coronavirus outbreak, will still compensate its non-salaried employees until at least the end of May, thanks to Nets owner Joe Tsai. AP Photo by John Minchillo

Joe Harris and the Nets might not play again until June if they play at all this season, after beating the Lakers in Los Angeles last week. AP Photo by Marcio Jose Sanchez

Nets owner Joe Tsai showed great sensitivity to hourly workers at Barclays Center over the weekend, promising to compensate them for time lost due to the arena’s shutdown during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. AP Photo by Mary Altaffer

Those affected not only by the virus, but by the economic ramifications of it, one less thing to think about during this turbulent and frightening time.

"It is our goal to alleviate the hit to household cash flow from work stoppage for people impacted so they can pay for necessary expenses such as rent, utilities, food and daily necessities," the release said.

The Nets, who were in the midst of a likely playoff-bound campaign, haven’t hit the hardwood since beating LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers at the Staples Center on March 10, the eve of this ongoing stoppage in play for the NBA.

Though Brooklyn players are likely working out, both individually and/or in small groups, at the team’s HSS Training Center in Sunset Park, the Nets aren’t likely to return to play until June at the earliest, if at all for the remainder of the regular season.

That will likely force Tsai to continue paying Barclays Center employees, who would have also been on hand for any concerts or special events at the arena, for the next several months if not longer.

Judging from his rapid response during the initial phases of this crisis, I wouldn’t bet against him doing so.

“We want to let our Barclays Center staff know that nobody is left behind and we are in this together,” the release said.

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NEW YORK — Farewell shot: Bartender Cassandra Paris took a farewell shot at closing time at 169 Bar in New York City on Monday. New York leaders shut down city bars starting Monday in an attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus. AP Photo/John Minchillo

ISRAEL — Beach day: People played with a ball at a beach in Tel Aviv on Monday. Israeli officials have ordered restaurants, malls, cinemas, gyms and daycare centers shut to contain the spread of the coronavirus. AP Photo/Oded Balilty

SPAIN — Bundled up: A commuter wearing a mask and gloves to protect against the spread of the coronavirus waited on a train platform in Madrid on Monday. AP Photo/Bernat Armangue

GERMANY — On the move: A person walked to a subway station in Frankfurt yesterday. Germany’s disease control agency changed its threat rating for coronavirus from “moderate” to “high” yesterday. AP Photo/Michael Probst
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The special election for Queens BP will still happen — some day

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

The mixed special election to pick a new Queens borough president will still take place at some point, the Mayor’s Office said Monday.

Though Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order to “cancel” the special election on March 24, the wording of the order enables him to schedule the contest for a new date.

“The Mayor plans to select a new date for the election soon,” a spokesperson told the Eagle Monday evening.

The city charter mandates that the mayor call a special election to fill a vacancy within 80 days. Acting Borough President Sharon Lee took over for former Queens Borough President Melinda Katz when Katz took office as Queens district attorney on Jan. 1.

Six candidates are running in the nonpartisan special election for Queens borough president: Councilmember Costa Constantinides, former Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley, retired NYPD sergeant Antony Miranda, former Queens prosecutor Jim Quinn, Councilmember Donovan Richards and tech entrepreneur Dao Yin.

Election attorney Jerry Goldfeder, who is working on Crowley’s campaign, questioned the mayor’s authority to cancel the election in the first place.

The special election to pick a new borough president was nixed after Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order the day before he was to select a new date. The nixed special election to pick a new borough president was to have happened on Tuesday.

“The Governor has emergency powers to do this — think about 9/11 — but I am unaware municipal officials could do so.”

The Democratic and Republican primaries will take place June 23.

Astoria bar catches heat for insensitive COVID-19 Instagram post

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

An Astoria tavern that urged patrons to defy public health experts’ recommendations and hit the town for a St. Patrick’s Day bar crawl is catching heat for a since-deleted Instagram post.

A video posted by the Instagram account for Katch Astoria is taking heat from Queens residents after a video on the bar’s Instagram account downplayed the COVID-19 outbreak and encouraged patrons to attend a bar crawl.

Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order cancelling the special election for Queens borough president. But the election will still take place at some point, the Mayor’s Office said.

Cancelling or postponing the election by the mayor is, I believe, unprecedented,” Goldfeder said. “The governor has emergency powers to do this — think about 9/11 — but I am unaware municipal officials could do so.”

The Democratic and Republican primaries will take place June 23.

There are many things you can do every day to help stop the spread of germs.

- If you have fever, cough and/or shortness of breath, and recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread of coronavirus, or have been in close contact with someone who has, go to your doctor.
- If you have symptoms but no travel history, stay home and call your doctor.
- If you need connection to a health care provider, call 311.

Visit nyc.gov/health for more information regarding coronavirus and the flu.
Tenants’ rights advocates said the state court system made the right decision by halting evictions temporarily.

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

Tenants’ rights advocates are celebrating the state court system’s unprecedented decision to halt evictions as the COVID-19 shutdown prevents potentially hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers at dire risk of becoming homeless from earning their usual incomes.

New York State Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks issued the eviction moratorium in a memo to court personnel Sunday following the efforts of two tenants’ rights coalitions, Housing Justice for All and Right to Counsel NYC.

“The eviction moratorium and court closure means that now our clients don’t have to choose between defending their homes and protecting their health,” said Marika Dias, the director of the Tenants Rights Coalition at Legal Services NYC, one of the coalition members.

The state order also prevents people from traveling to the court and potentially spreading or contracting the illness, Dias added.

“During the current public health it is imperative that New York families are not facing the additional threat of eviction and homelessness,” she said.

“So many of the tenants we represent are seniors, immune-compromised individuals, low-wage earners who would lose vital income if major illness strikes, and families with little access to healthcare.”

The coalition circulated a petition that received more than 15,000 tenant signatures. They also sent a letter signed by more than 100 organizations urging Mayor Bill de Blasio to issue a moratorium on evictions.

“What we won, we’ve never won before, and we won it because thousands of tenants organized,” said Right to Counsel NYC Coalition coordinator Susanna Blankley.

Tenant advocates celebrate temporary eviction moratorium

Queens communities stand together to support neighbors in need

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

Communities throughout Queens are stepping up and showing out for their neighbors in need as COVID-19 confines residents in their homes.

Neighborhood organizers in Astoria have recruited volunteers to deliver food and supplies to isolated and struggling neighbors.

The LIC Covid-19 Relief Group has united local organizations to distribute meals, collect packaged food and mobilize volunteers.

The organization will provide grab-and-go student meals and hygiene packs starting March 23 at locations in Hunters Point, Court Square and Queensbridge. Food collection began on March 17, and all donations will be distributed through established food pantries at the New City Church and LIC JCC.

School-aged children will be able pick up breakfast and lunch from schools across the city for the rest of the week, but the Relief Group is working to have a program in place by next Monday because the city’s future plan remains unclear, said Casey Chamberlain, a Hunter’s Point Parks Conservancy manager helping with organizing efforts.

“Because we’re realizing some people don’t have the best access to information or what they should be doing if they feel sick, some physicians in the neighborhood are creating a tip sheet,” Chamberlain said.

Part of their fundraising effort will go to subsidizing food costs and supporting local restaurants that have committed to help meet food needs.

Immigrants’ rights advocates call for ICE to halt courthouse arrests during COVID-19 outbreak

By Victoria Merlino
Queens Daily Eagle

Immigrant advocates have called on the federal government to halt Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrests, release people from immigration detention centers and close immigration courts as the coronavirus outbreak surges across New York state.

In a letter to Attorney General William Barr and Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf, a coalition of organizations called the actions against undocumented immigrants during the global pandemic are “extremely dangerous.” Local signatories include Make the Road New York, The Legal Aid Society and the Queens Defenders.

“To be clear: the need to immediately halt the detained docket is just another reason why detained people must be released and all ICE arrests must stop,” the letter states. “People who are incarcerated by ICE cannot languish without opportunity to be released. The releasing of immigrants, halting of ICE enforcement, and closing of all immigration courts is a matter of urgent public safety.”

In the last 10 days, the Immigrant Defense Project said it received 13 reports of ICE arrests or sightings in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens, Suffolk and Westchester County.

The latest arrest occurred at a courthouse on Tuesday morning at a courthouse in Suffolk County, IDP said.

Businesses and institutions across New York City have shut down as the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise. The state and city closed all entertainment venues, bars, restuarants and public schools. Meanwhile, the state court system has directed all employees to stay home unless “expressly notified” by their supervisors.

As of March 17 at 3 p.m., 664 New York City residents are known to have contracted the virus.
Our World In Pictures

THAILAND — Big wash: A worker sprayed disinfectant as a precaution against the new coronavirus at Wat Suthat temple in Bangkok on Tuesday.
AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit

NEW YORK — Sparse scene: The Oculus at the World Trade Center’s transportation hub in New York City remained nearly empty on Monday, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.
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The justices determined that the plaintiffs adequately pleaded their negligent supervision claim against Ascend, including allegations that Ascend "had a duty to supervise the children within its custody," "had contracted for bus services with" Jofaz, and "had obtained prior written notice of similar sexual conduct that the infant had been subjected to." In opposition, Ascend submitted the affidavit of Andrew Epstein, the chief financial officer of Ascend’s parent corporation, who asserted in a conclusory fashion, that on the date of the incident, Ascend had no contract with Jofaz, did not hire, contract with, retain, employ, supervise or in any way control Jofaz with respect to the transportation of the infant plaintiff, and had no knowledge, written or otherwise, of inappropriate sexual behavior on the school bus. The justices found that the submissions in support of Ascend’s motion to dismiss were insufficient to conclusively establish that the plaintiffs’ claims of negligent supervision were without merit. Therefore, the justices affirmed the determination of the Supreme Court to deny Ascend’s motion for summary judgment dismissing the complaint as asserted against it.


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Defenders plead for ‘intimate’ Rikers parole hearings to go to video

By Reuven Blau
THE CITY
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Parole hearings on Rikers Island came to a halt Monday after a team of public defenders refused to attend the hearings held in jail to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection among people in custody and those who work in the jails, minimizing the number of people in custody who will need medical care, decrease the density of housing units and the spread of coronavirus infection among parolees and those who work in the jails, minimizing the number of people in custody who will need medical care, decrease the density of housing units for people who remain in jail, and allow New Yorkers to maintain connections with and support from their loved ones.

“A Dangerous Situation”

On Monday, McEvilley said she urged DOC-CS to put the hearings on hold for two days to give the state time to create a video conference system to avoid the close quarter contact inside the hearing rooms where everyone is forced to be around a foot apart.

“Our concern is that by bringing clients to this center and having our clients exposed to people from the community, this is the perfect facilitator for transmission between the civilians, judges and parole prosecutors,” she said.

DOC-CS has so far refused to temporarily suspend hearings, arguing it would lead to a backlog, according to a state source. The department is working on creating a video system, the source added.

McEvilley said the lawyers “felt bad” about staying away.

“We feel terrible for our clients,” she said.

“This is no way not wanting to go to court to represent our clients. We do that very well. But this is such a dangerous situation and the setup is just unsafe.”

She and other criminal justice advocates are also calling on the state to release all parolees held on technical violations like a failed drug test or missed curfew. They contend those people do not pose a public safety risk and should instead be put into drug programs or other programs.

Common Sense Recommendations

Additionally, on Tuesday more than 30 current and former parole executives from across the country posted an open letter urging corrections officials nationwide to “suspend or severely limit technical violations for the duration of the coronavirus crisis.”

The group, which includes former city Probation Commissioner Vincent Schiraldi, also called on officials to reduce parole terms to limit the number of people on probation or parole to only those absolutely necessary.

“Policymakers should immediately enact the common sense recommendations contained in this statement to help flatten the coronavirus curve,” Schiraldi said in a separate statement.

In furtherance of Chief Administrative Judge Mark’s directive to minimize courthouse traffic and limit appearances by paroles, the Surrogate’s Court, Queens County, is implementing the following rules commencing March 17, 2020 and lasting until further notice.

1. ALL process calendars for the next FOUR weeks (March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9) are CANCELLED. Cases will be administratively adjourned, and parties will be notified by e-mail of the new dates.

2. All filings and submissions of petitions and supporting papers are to be made by e-file or mail. Papers submitted to the court by hand will be deposited in a basket at the reception desk and forwarded to the appropriate department. Follow-up by clerical staff will be by e-mail. New motions shall be made returnable no earlier than April 23, 2020.

3. Currently scheduled SCPA 1404 and 2211 examinations will not be conducted in the court but will be held at a time and location mutually convenient to the parties on a date approved by the court. Dates for same are to be arranged through email to the calendar clerk: apexsycalendars@qcourts.gov.

4. Preliminary and Pre-Trial conferences scheduled at the court from March 17, 2020 up to and including April 10, 2020 are adjourned and the parties will be notified of new dates. To the extent possible, these conferences will be conducted on the adjourn dates by conference call or Skype.

5. Guardian ad Litem are to file their consents and qualifications electronically and their reports by mail or electronically.

6. All hearings and trials, including 17-A and kinship matters, will be rescheduled to a date after April 10, 2020. Parties will be notified by mail, and to the extent we have such information, e-mail.

7. Parties seeking to file Emergency Applications MUST FIRST email apexsyc-emergencies@qcourts.gov prior to appearing in court.

These rules are subject to change or extension as conditions or OCA mandates provide.

How the dawn of modern pop music began in Flushing

By Victoria Merlino
Queens Daily Eagle

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Public defenders refused to attend parole hearings inside confined spaces in Rikers Island.

Robert Moog adjusting his Moog Synthesizer in August of 1969. AP Photo/John Lent

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**Jail oversight board calls on city to release detainees to stop COVID-19**

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

The independent agency that oversees Rikers Island and other municipal jails has urged the city to release detainees in order to stop the spread of COVID-19, joining a growing movement of advocates and public defenders organizations that have championed drastic criminal justice measures to stem the outbreak.

The Board of Correction specifically called on the city to release detainees who are at a high risk of contracting COVID-19, including people over 50 and people with underlying health issues, as well as detainees serving sentences of less than a year. The Board also urged the state to release people held in city jails on technical parole violations. The measures would “rapidly decrease” the jail population, the Board said.

“The Board pointed out that Los Angeles County and Ohio’s Cuyahoga County have already released detainees to stem the spread of the illness,” the Board added. “The city must begin this process now,” the Board said.

**OPINION: A request for mortgage relief for small property owners**

By Richard Khuzami and Johannes Schmidt

We request urgent action to address pressing mortgage payments for residential real estate, in light of the economic slowdown caused by COVID-19. Specifically, we’d like to emphasize such urgency as it pertains to single family units, condos, co-ops and 1-3 multifamily buildings.

Although the financial system has significantly improved its resilience to financial distress since the last recession, the scale at which COVID-19 is impacting the economy will require decisive and swift action to avoid the mortgage defaults that led to another economic and housing crisis like we experienced in 2008. Based on the latest census, about 41 percent of all housing units in NYC are owner-occupied—which is a significant portion of our housing stock.

We ask that Mortgage Holders be temporarily relieved of the responsibility of payments during this crisis, as tenants who are protecting themselves from evictions or penalties for non-payment of rent. We also would like utility and tax bills addressed to make sure that housing is stable and meets our needs.

As an example, we reached out to Wells Fargo, and all the banks are currently offering a one-time relief of any penalties for late or non-payment of a mortgage. Nevertheless, they are still reporting a mortgage holiday. We hope that banks will continue to provide this relief to tenants who are facing difficulties.

We are fully supportive of relieving tenants from potential evictions. However, it cannot be at the expense of homeowners and landlords if we want the private sector to continue to provide single/multifamily housing units. Whether the owner has lost their own job, and all the banks are currently offering a one-time relief of any penalties for late or non-payment of a mortgage. Nevertheless, they are still reporting a mortgage holiday. We hope that banks will continue to provide this relief to tenants who are facing difficulties.

The mayor signed an executive order suspending all visits to Rikers Island starting Wednesday. The DOC protocols for stemming the spread of the illness include medical screenings for all people entering the jails, following basic flu-prevention procedures and sending home staff with respiratory issues.

“The health and well-being of our personnel and people in custody is of paramount importance,” said DOC spokesperson Peter Thorne in a statement. “The Department is working in coordination with the NYC Department of Health and Correctional Health Services to identify and evaluate detainees with potential symptoms and refer them for testing as necessary.”