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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM QUEENS BOROUGH HALL - AUGUST 21 2015

BELLE HARBOR POST-SANDY STREET REHABILITATION

The Belle Harbor FEMA-funded street rehabiltiation project broke ground on August 17 in the Rockaways, marking another significant step forward in the post-Sandy rebuilding of Belle Harbor. The rehabilitation project will reconstruct damaged portions of sidewalks, curbs, roadways, sewers and water mains in various streets to enhance safety for both residing and visiting families. Project construction started in May of this year, and is expected to be completed in June 2016.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN QUEENS

Borough President Katz and Councilmember Donovan Richards, Jr. chum up with the reggae group "British Dependency" at a free concert on August 15 at Rockaway Beach Park as part of the Katz Concert Series, which offers numerous free outdoor concerts this summer at various locations throughout Queens. See the full line-up at www.queensbp.org/katzconcerts.

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FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS IN CORONA PLAZA

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) sponsored several free tennis clinics for youngsters in Corona Plaza as part of its "Family Fun Fridays" healthy-living series. Queens Day at the highly anticipated U.S. Open Tennis Championships will take place on Wednesday, August 26.

REMEMBERING LEO FRANK

Councilmembers Rory Lancman and Elizabeth Crowley, the Anti-Defamation League and the Queens Jewish Community Council held a memorial on August 17 in honor of Leo Frank, who was lynched 100 years ago following a false murder conviction from a trial that was marked by rampant antisemitism. Leo Frank's story is one of justice denied, and must not be forgotten. Also pictured include Public Advocate Letitia James and Assemblymember David Weprin.

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A WORLD OF ORCHIDS AT QUEENS BOTANICAL

Queens Botanical Garden unveiled its new "Taiwan: A World of Orchids" exhibit on August 20, joined by Borough President Katz, Assemblymember Nily Rozic, Councilmember Peter Koo and distinguished ambassadors. The Garden will host the stunning orchid display between now through Sunday for families and visitors to learn and enjoy.

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