



# ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER

## 77<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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### Assemblywoman Joyner Offers Toy Drive for District 9 Families



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner provided free toys and face painting to more than 200 elementary students of P.S. 170 – The Esteban Vicente Early Childhood School and P.S. 126 Dr Marjorie H Dunbar during the holiday season thanks to the partnership of MetroPlus Health Plan (continued on pg 2).

### Assemblywoman Joyner and GrowNYC Host Recycling Presentation at NYCHA Highbridge Gardens



Supporting healthier living for the community, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosted a free recycling presentation with GrowNYC, which included tips on what can be done to create a healthier environment in the Bronx and promoted NYCHA's new recycling program at Highbridge Gardens. GrowNYC offered useful pointers as well as free giveaways such as 100 fresh food boxes and "Sort & Store" stations for families.

#### District Office - Constituent Service Hours

**When:** Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM)

**Where:** 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

**Off-site hours:** Schedule varies. See page 5 for details.

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#### LATOYA'S LINE

##### Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement on moving forward together in the 77th Assembly District:

With the results of our nation's recent presidential election, our community is facing many challenges and we must stand together to protect the gains we have made and build a positive agenda for the future. I appreciate the support I have received and thank every resident, as I look forward to being your unwavering voice in Albany. We must continue to collectively work together as we make our diverse community in the 77th Assembly District a better place to live, work and raise a family. I look forward to working with community residents, clergy and religious leaders, local community based organizations and my partners in government in support of the progressive changes we need.

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### Assemblywoman Joyner Hosts Safety Presentations for NYCHA Families



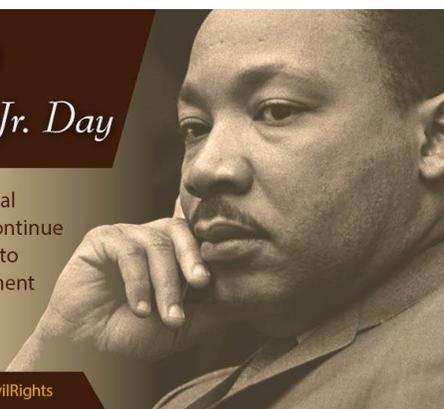
BRONX, N.Y. – During the colder winter months, as fire incidents continue to spike throughout the Bronx **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)** held fire safety and elevator safety presentations with representatives from FDNY and New York City Housing Authority to better equip our families. The presentations were offered at NYCHA Sedgwick Houses and NYCHA Highbridge Gardens in December.

### Assemblywoman Joyner Recognizes Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*January 16*  
*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Martin Luther King Jr. played a pivotal role in the fight for civil rights. We continue to honor his legacy through service to others and an unwavering commitment to equality and justice.

#NYSAssemblyMajority #MLK #MLKDay #CivilRights



“As we recognize the life, legacy and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this January 16<sup>th</sup>, we must continue to work together to improve our community – especially now as there are many unanswered questions for our future as a country,” said **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD)**. “By using love to banish inequality and injustice, we can make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. Dr. King said it best: ‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.’”

### Assemblywoman Joyner’s Annual Toy Drive at District 9 Schools (Continued)



*Happy Holidays!* *¡Felices Fiestas!*

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**Latoya Joyner**




## Assemblywoman Joyner Fights for All Bronx Families in 2016

In her second year as your state legislator, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner has continued to represent our interests and concerns in Albany and throughout the 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

These issues ranged from preserving affordable housing, investing in the Bronx's public schools, supporting cultural institutions and museums, requiring prison officials to be responsive to inmate families in their time of mourning, ensuring that families remained in their homes with key tenant support and legal assistance and making sure your voice is heard – whether you are a tenant who is worried about the Department of City Planning's Jerome Avenue Study or a possible rent increase from the NYC Rent Guidelines Board.

Assemblywoman Joyner publicly supported a rent rollback for the more than 33,000 apartments under rent regulation in our district and helped to protect tenants from landlords seeking to jack up rents. Also during a public scoping meeting for the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study, she reiterated to NYC Department of City Planning officials that the concerns of those individuals who were born and raised in the Bronx and have remained here should be a top priority. This includes residents, the local businesses, restaurants, and auto workers located in our community.

### Albany Victories:

In Albany, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner helped to enact a \$15 minimum wage, instituted paid family leave, invested in public and higher education and protected public health – all measures that have helped to lift families down on their luck and offer future opportunities.

Key legislative victories included the signing into law of Assembly Bill A.7500, a bill which requires the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to be responsive to the next of kin when a loved one or family member passes away behind bars.

### Fighting for Families:

Making sure all children are safe, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Assembly Bill A.7451, which offers greater protections for families seeking safe quality childcare, passed both the Assembly and the Senate in 2016. It will provide greater protection for families by mandating the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to investigate and audit current child care operations advertising their services in New York State on the Internet.

### Public Health:

Bronx County is notoriously ranked last when it comes to the overall health of our residents. As a result, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner passed two resolutions in the Assembly to

encourage additional awareness of asthma and maternal depression.

Due to the exceptionally high incidence of asthma in the Bronx, and recent cases involving mothers inflicted with maternal depression, Assemblywoman Joyner sought to raise public interest of these important health topics that affect large portions Bronx families.



### Students in Temporary Housing:

Since her election to the New York State Assembly, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner has been a relentless advocate for additional state funding to expand opportunities and improve results for children living in homeless shelters. Because of her unwavering support, Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration promised a \$10.3 million bellwether investment to improve results for children who are doubled-up or living in homeless shelters and temporary housing. Eighteen percent of the all students in Bronx School District 9 were in temporary housing during the 2013-14 school year, according to the

Department of Education. This critical initiative has already seen results in expanding educational support for youth in shelters including investments in onsite literacy programs, attendance assistants to reduce chronic absenteeism, and social workers to provide emotional support for families.

### District 9 Schools:

In supporting District 9 schools, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner has also allocated funding for renovations and upgrades to the school auditoriums of P.S. 199 The Shakespeare School and P.S. 109 The Sedgwick School. She was instrumental in asking New York City to fix a crumbled sidewalk which lines a vacant lot on Popham and Montgomery Avenues near P.S. 109, which has been a hazard for the Sedgwick School community and families for nearly three decades.

### Museums & Community Institutions:

For our cultural and religious institutions, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner secured funding to push forward major architectural enhancements and upgrades to the Bronx Museum of the Arts and fund programming for the Bronx Children's Museum. The Assemblywoman's legislation, Assembly Bill A.8120-A, also was officially signed into law and ensures Mill Pond Park will remain as the permanent home of the Bronx Children's Museum.

Assemblywoman Joyner secured \$500,000 in funding for the renovation of the the Latino Pastoral Action Center including replacement of boilers and the HVAC system. Under the direction of Rev. Dr. Ray Rivera, LPAC focuses on schools, family, community-based organizations and the church. Also she secured \$700,000 in funding that will help renovate and upgrade BronxWorks' athletic facilities, pool, locker rooms and front steps, an essential organization and community hub that helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being.

## Assemblywoman Joyner Offers Free Immigration Screenings



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce FREE immigration screenings for Bronx families. Representatives from **Bronx Legal Services** and **Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families** will be available in her Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (between E. 162<sup>nd</sup> and E. 163<sup>rd</sup> Streets), Bronx, N.Y. 10451 on a monthly basis.



**The next date will be Wednesday, January 18**  
**from 4 pm-6 pm**

Please call **718-538-2000** to set up your appointment if you require immigration assistance.

## Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner to Host IDNYC in District Office



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce that the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs will offer FREE in-take services for IDNYC, the new and free identification card for all New York City residents.

Representatives will be available in the Assemblywoman's Community Office every 2nd Thursday of the month from 10 am-12 pm, starting January 12 at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (between E. 162nd and E. 163rd Streets), Bronx, N.Y. 10451.

IDNYC is a government-issued photo identification card that offers everyone access to City services and free access to renowned cultural institutions. The ID is even available to those that may have difficulty obtaining other government-issued IDs regardless of immigration status, including most vulnerable communities, which encompass the homeless, youth, the elderly, undocumented immigrants and the formerly incarcerated.

For more information or to set up your appointment, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000.

**The first date will be Thursday, January 12**  
**from 10 am-12 pm**



**Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit**

**Tenant Support Specialists every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**



**Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office  
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK  
Bronx, NY 10451**

Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Overcharges
- Possible eviction

For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000

**Every Thursday, Tenant Support Services are available in Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office**

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal professionals from the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

**For more information, see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000**



**Free Housing Legal Services!**



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer **FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!**



N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns

**When:** Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Where:** Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office  
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK  
Bronx, N.Y. 10451



For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000

| TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE: | N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE: |
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| JANUARY 5                             | JANUARY 12                               |
| JANUARY 19                            | JANUARY 26                               |
| FEBRUARY 2                            | FEBRUARY 9                               |
| FEBRUARY 16                           | FEBRUARY 23                              |
| MARCH 2                               | MARCH 9                                  |
| MARCH 16                              | MARCH 23                                 |
| APRIL 6                               | APRIL 13                                 |
| APRIL 20                              | APRIL 27                                 |

**OFF-SITE CONSTITUENT HOURS**



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner wants to make her office more accessible to families and constituents in the 77th Assembly District. Her staff will be offering off-site constituent services at local senior centers, community centers and libraries.

- **Highbridge Library**  
78 West 168th Street  
Bronx, NY, 10452  
**\*Every 3rd Monday from 10 AM-1 PM\***
- **Davidson Community Center**  
2038 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10453  
**\*Every 4th Monday from 10 AM-1 PM\***
- **New Settlement Community Center**  
1501 Jerome Ave  
Bronx, NY 10452  
**\*Every 3rd Wednesday from 4 PM-6 PM**

## AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Below listing are Subsidized Rental Opportunities lotteries, as provided by NYC Housing Preservation & Development and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. Each housing opportunity is a lottery with application deadlines.

For more information, please visit [NYC Housing Connect](#) or [HCR Affordable Rental Units](#) and [NYHousingSearch.gov](#).

| ADDRESS  | APTS AVAILABLE | HOW DO YOU APPLY?  | DEADLINE          |
|--|----------------|--|-------------------|
| 6469 Broadway<br>Bronx, NY 10471   | 77             | <p>Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: <a href="http://www.BronxProgroup.com">www.BronxProgroup.com</a>.</p> <p>Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to: <b>Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc., 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN</b></p>  | No deadline       |
| 1544 Boone Ave<br>Bronx, NY 10460  | 114            | <p>Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect">www.nyc.gov/housingconnect</a>.</p> <p>To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: <b>Compass Residences Two B, P.O. Box 580, New York, NY 10030</b>. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.</p> | February 7, 2017  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1171 Clay Ave</li> <li>• 1183 Clay Ave</li> <li>• 1202 Clay Ave</li> <li>• 384 Grand Concourse</li> <li>• 1129 Morrison Ave</li> <li>• 1038 Rogers Place</li> </ul> | 59             | <p>Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect">www.nyc.gov/housingconnect</a>.</p> <p>To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: <b>JGV Management, PO Box 740610, Bronx, NY 10474</b>. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified</p>              | February 27, 2017 |