

Assemblymember

# DAVID I. WEPRIN



## Reports to the Community

Summer 2018

*Serving the partial or entire communities of:*

Briarwood, Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hillcrest, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village, Richmond Hill, South Richmond Hill, and Utopia.

### A Message From DAVID I. WEPRIN



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*I am overjoyed to greet you this summer from our wonderful community. It is my pleasure to represent you and advocate on your behalf in our state Capital of Albany.*

*Recently, the legislative session, which runs from January through June, ended and a number of bills that I had proposed were passed by both houses of the legislature, the Senate and the Assembly. These bills, which are close to becoming law, benefit our community and you can read more about them below.*

*Summer is an exciting season because I get to personally visit and meet members of our community. While I'm not debating new laws or examining the budget, I get to speak with my constituents and hear what they have to say. It is my hope that I can speak with you at one of the many summertime community events this year. Some of which are sponsored by my office. Each year I try to gather free government resources for community members and this year my office hosted several rain barrel events and a compost giveaway.*

*If you have any questions or concerns at all about the budget or any other issue that you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my Fresh Meadows or Richmond Hill offices at 718-454-3027 or 718-805-2381 or email me at [weprind@nyassembly.gov](mailto:weprind@nyassembly.gov). Thank you.*

*I hope you had a great summer!*

*Sincerely Yours,*

David I. Weprin  
Member of Assembly

## ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEPRIN PASSES RECORD NUMBER OF BILLS THROUGH ASSEMBLY AND SENATE IN 2018

Assemblymember Weprin was able to pass a record number of bills in Albany this legislative session. If you have any ideas for legislation or want to comment on existing legislation please contact my district office this summer.

**A4933B** – Enacts the “state workforce injury reduction act;” requires state agencies to submit a written action plan for reducing occurrences of injuries in the coming year to the governor and the legislature.

**A5200** – Relates to prohibiting physical contact or activity in any organization’s initiating ceremony.

**A5333A** – Creates a disabled person retrofit tax credit.

**A5539B** – Provides for community service as one of the punishments for the violation of a local law in a municipality.

**A6838** – Relates to body imaging scanning equipment including proper registration, limitations and reporting of use.

**A8340** – Directs the commissioner of the department of corrections and community supervision to undertake a study of the surveillance, prevention, treatment and prevalence of hepatitis C among the inmate population.

**A8958** – Requires that an inmate who has appeared before the board of parole prior to having completed any program required by the department of corrections and community supervision, and has been denied release, shall be placed into the required program.

**A8960** – Requires board of parole administrative appeal findings and recommendations to be published on a website with a word-searchable database and provided to correctional facility law libraries on a quarterly basis.

**A10159** – Relates to remedying inconsistent definitions and other technical errors.

**A11123** – Relates to the determination of adjusted base proportions in special assessing units which are cities for the fiscal year two thousand nineteen; provides that the current base proportion of any class shall not exceed the adjusted base proportion of the immediately preceding year by more than one-half of one percent.

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## ENCOURAGING OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED



Assemblymember Weprin addresses students at P.S.115Q the James J. Ambrose School in Glen Oaks.

In June, Assemblymember Weprin visited several graduation ceremonies at local schools including one at the P.S.115Q the James J. Ambrose School in Glen Oaks to let our local students know the importance of a solid education. The Assemblymember also presented certificates to the new graduates to let them know that their hard work is appreciated.



Assemblymember Weprin speaks to the children of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens with Dennis M. Walcott at the Lefferts Library Branch.

For the start of summer, Assemblymember David Weprin and Queens Library President & CEO Dennis M. Walcott encouraged local students in Assembly District 24 to take on the New York State Assembly's Annual Summer Reading Challenge at the Lefferts Library branch. To complete the challenge children must read for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for 40 days during the summer break.

Those interested in the challenge should contact the Assemblymembers district office for more information.

"Summer Reading is a great way for students to stay sharp while out of school and our local libraries provide excellent free resources for students to stay mentally engaged," said Assemblymember David Weprin. "I'm glad to be partnering with Queens Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott, to promote the Summer Reading Challenge and to help spread the joy of reading to our wonderful students and children."

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Assemblymember Weprin presents proclamations to members of the FDNY's Phoenix Society and the NYPD Desi Society with Congressmembers Gregory Meeks and Grace Meng as well as Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal.

This Independence Day weekend, Assemblymember Weprin celebrated our Nation's birth and legacy at Queens College with students and members of the FDNY's Phoenix Society and the NYPD Desi Society. Both of these groups advocate on behalf of our emergency services personnel who are of Asian descent and work hard to keep our communities safe every day.

## KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN



Assemblymember Weprin, officials from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and Weprin staff members give away rain barrels.

In June at Phil Rizzuto Park in Richmond Hill, Assemblymember David Weprin in partnership with Senator James Sanders Jr., Council Member Adrienne Adams, and the Department of Environmental Protection distributed 300 rain barrels to local constituents. Rain barrels attach to a home's gutter and capture storm water before it enters our sewer system. This prevents water from overwhelming our sewer treatment plants thus preventing untreated sewage from entering into our delicate waterways. If you are interested in future rain barrel giveaways please contact my office.

"With rain barrels, residents in my district are now able to capture rainwater runoff from their roofs and store it for later use," said Assemblymember David I. Weprin. "Not only will this reduce water consumption and sewer overflows but will also help residents lower their water bills. I thank the NYC Department of Environmental Protection for participating in this incredible effort at my office to help make Queens a better, cleaner place for everyone."

## CELEBRATING EID AL ADHA

In August, the Assemblymember joined the community at the Jamaica Muslim Center to celebrate Eid al Adha. Recognized as one of the most significant holidays in Islam, the holiday marks the end of the hajj pilgrimage period for Muslims.



Assemblymember Weprin speaks at the Jamaica Muslim Center alongside JMC Secretary Monjur Ahmed Choudhury.

## PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY ADDING SIKH CULTURE TO THE NYC EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM



Assemblymember David Weprin speaks at P.S. 161 the Arthur Ashe School in Richmond Hill with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, the NYC Department of Education, and Local Sikh Leaders.

Assemblymember Weprin believes that diversity is one of our state's great strengths and supports efforts to promote diversity and acceptance in our community among different groups. In July, Assemblymember Weprin stood with Borough President Melinda Katz, The NYC Department of Education, and Local Sikh Leaders at P.S. 161 the Arthur Ashe School in Richmond Hill to announce new lesson plans for 5th and 6th graders on Sikh Culture. Unfortunately, Sikh children are bullied at more than double the national rate and adding Sikh education to the City curriculum is an important step towards promoting a greater understanding of Sikh culture in our schools.

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY



Assemblymember Weprin presents an Assembly Proclamation to honoree Indra Tamang.

This July, I attended the annual South Asian Convention in Flushing Meadow Park to showcase the many accomplishments of New York's South Asian Community and to honor several rising stars in the community. South Asian Americans have been a part of this country since its beginnings and contributed heavily to the growth of the nation. The event was organized by local Queens resident and community organizer Joy Chowdhury.

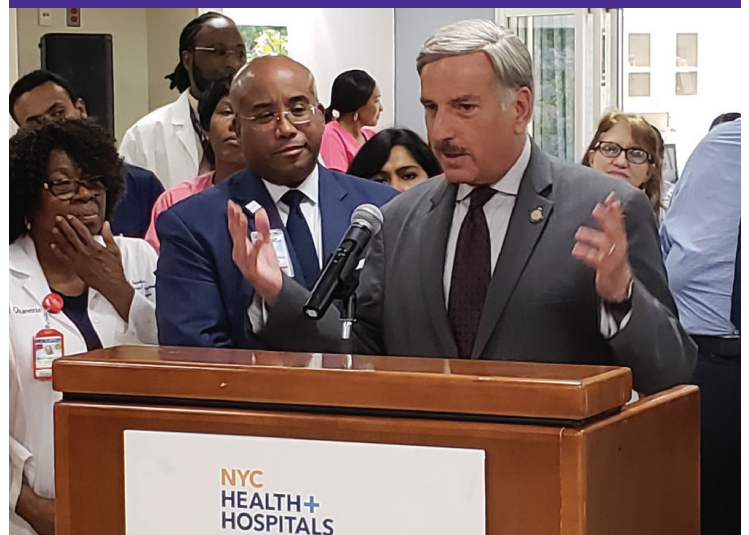
"As a friend of the South Asian community and the representative of one of the largest South Asian populations in the State, I welcome the opportunity to recognize and honor the many contributions of our vibrant and growing South Asian community at the 2018 South Asian Convention," said Assemblymember David I. Weprin. "I look forward to working with the leaders of the South Asian community as we continue our efforts to promote the best interests of this prolific group."



Assemblymember Weprin with Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich.

Additionally, Assemblymember Weprin greeted constituents at the annual Glen Oaks Village community barbeque in June. Assemblymember sampled some of the delicious food and spoke with a number of constituents at the event.

## EXPANDING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



Assemblymember David Weprin speaks at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens alongside hospital CEO Christopher Roker.

Our public hospital system NYC Health + Hospitals is a tremendous asset and the largest public health care system in the United States. Assemblymember David Weprin attended the opening ceremony of phase one of four of the Emergency Room Expansion Project at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens, which when completed will meet the community's growing demand for health care services. This first phase added 6,500 square feet to the Emergency Department, bringing its total square footage to 16,500 square feet. All four phases of the Emergency Room Expansion Project are expected to be completed by 2019.



Assemblymember David Weprin and his staff members, Muhammad Rahman and Casey Lajszky, greet constituents at Cunningham Park.

Assemblymember Weprin attended the annual Community Board 8 Health Fair in Cunningham Park along with other city agencies to promote city services that help people make healthier life choices.

# Assemblymember Weprin in the Community

## COMPOST GIVEAWAY



Assemblymember Weprin joins Department of Sanitation Field Operations Coordinator Benjamin Ireland and members of his staff; including Yen Chou, Casey Lajszky, Dylan Cepeda, Sumeet Sharma, Muhammad Rahman and Harpreet Singh Toor for a Compost Giveaway at Alley Pond Park.

Assemblymember Weprin in partnership with the Department of Sanitation distributed free compost to local residents in Alley Pond Park. Weprin and his team handed out over 180 bags of compost to local residents for use in their home garden. The compost is generated from the organics program which allows the Department of Sanitation to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste from residents in select areas to turn it into compost or renewable energy. Currently, 3.5 million New Yorkers in all five boroughs have the option of utilizing curbside organics services including residents living in Queens Community Boards 8, 9, 10, 11, & 13; each of which are in Assembly District 24. Anyone interested in future compost giveaways should contact the Assemblymember's district office.

"Being environmentally friendly has gotten a lot easier in Queens thanks to the Department of Sanitation's organics collection program. By placing our food scraps and yard waste in the brown bins provided by DSNY, with little effort on our part, we have helped to keep tons of waste out of landfills," said Assemblymember David I. Weprin. "I want to thank DSNY for creating this program and I want to thank all of my constituents who use the organics bin for helping to create a greener future."

## FIGHTING FOR A CURE



Assemblymember Weprin presents a citation to Kyle Kravitz with his grandfather Bernard Kravitz and Holliswood resident Lee Rosenbloom.

In July, Assemblymember David Weprin joined Queens resident & college student, Kyle Kravitz, at Flushing Meadow Park for the second annual Pitch and Putt for Parkinson's to raise money for a cure. Kyle organized the event in honor of his late father who was afflicted by Parkinson's Disease, a neurodegenerative disorder that affects the motor system. This year he was able to raise over \$15,000.

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Assemblymember Weprin meets 111th Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers Steffhanie Collado and Daniel Kim.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Assemblymember Weprin met with Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) from the 111th Precinct Daniel Kim and Steffhanie Collado to discuss issues in the community. NCOs are a part of the NYPD's new neighborhood policing program and are your local neighborhood officers. Any constituent is able to reach out to them directly for help with non-emergency situations. Every precinct in the community has them and if you need help reaching them please contact my district office.