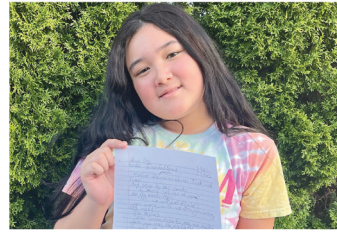
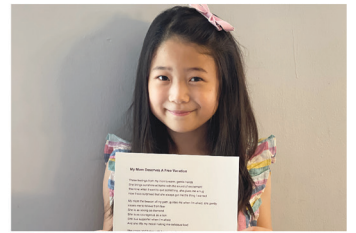


Around the Community



Assemblyman Braunstein marched in the annual Little Neck Douglaston Memorial Day Parade.



Winners of Assemblyman Braunstein's Northeast Queens Student Mother's Day Essay & Poetry Contest: (Clockwise) Emily Chan, P.S. 94 Douglaston; Zoe Lee, P.S. 221 Little Neck; Divyanshi Panda, P.S. 115 Glen Oaks; and Alice Song, P.S. 79 Whitestone.



Assemblyman Braunstein lent a helping hand at planting and beautification efforts at Oakland Lake and the Bell Boulevard malls, organized by the Friends of Alley Pond Park and Bayside Hills Civic Association.



Assemblyman Braunstein delivered remarks at the 2022 NYS Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony in Albany, an annual event honoring those brave men and women who served New York State and made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Assemblyman Braunstein Helps Pass Gun Safety Legislation to Protect Communities

This June, the New York State Legislature convened to respond to the recent Supreme Court decision to dismantle New York State's more than 100-year-old concealed carry law and passed a package of gun safety legislation to help keep our communities safe.

The package establishes sensitive places where guns are not permitted, such as mass transit, schools, hospitals, government buildings and establishments that serve alcohol, and allows private business owners to decide whether to allow guns on their property. The legislation also implements new live-training requirements as part of the concealed carry licensing process, expands the list of crimes that would preclude a person from being eligible for a concealed carry permit, and requires safe storage of firearms in households that include a person under 18 years of age. This package of legislation was signed into law by Governor Hochul.

Earlier in the month, Assemblyman Braunstein also helped pass a series of gun safety bills to help keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who are a danger to themselves and others. One key measure expanded the red flag law, which was implemented in 2019 and allows courts to issue an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) that prohibits a person who is determined to be a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm for up to one year. The legislation also prohibits the sale of semiautomatic weapons to people under 21.

“Too many families have been devastated by the scourge of gun violence,” said Assemblyman Braunstein. “These groundbreaking laws will help keep New York families safe and guns out of the wrong hands.”

Assemblyman Braunstein Passes Bill Authorizing Property Tax Rebates for Homeowners: A.10440

In an effort to provide relief to homeowners, Assemblyman Braunstein introduced and passed a bill giving the City of New York the necessary state authority to issue property tax rebates to an estimated 600,000 middle-class homeowners. New York City homeowners who qualify for the program are estimated to receive \$150 in direct relief that will be issued in the near future.

The New York City rebate is in addition to the \$2.2B NYS Homeowner Property Tax Relief Credit established by the State Legislature earlier this year, which provided a one-time property tax rebate credit averaging \$425 to eligible middle-class New York City homeowners.

Assemblyman Braunstein Provides Benefits Assistance for Seniors

Assemblyman Braunstein, in partnership with Services Now For Adult Persons, Inc., is offering benefits and entitlements counseling to individuals 60 years of age and older. This includes help with EPIC, Food Stamps, HEAP, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, SCHE and SCRIE. Please call Assemblyman Braunstein's office if you would like to schedule an appointment with a caseworker.



Assemblyman Braunstein partnered with the Lower East Side Ecology Center on a successful e-waste recycling event at St. Anastasia in Little Neck, where residents safely disposed of their unwanted or broken electronics for free.



Assemblyman Braunstein marched in the 58th annual JCRC-NY Celebrate Israel Parade.

Assemblyman Braunstein's Legislative Update



Improving Public Communications on City Projects: A.355A

Assemblyman Braunstein introduced a bill to require NYC agencies to provide advance notice to state elected officials and community boards about construction, acquisitions and other projects that will take place in their communities. This bill would better equip elected officials and local offices to deliver accurate and timely information to their constituents. This bill passed the State Assembly and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Providing Opioid Overdose Drugs and Education to At-Risk Patients: A.348-A

In response to the significant increase in opioid overdoses at the national and local level, Assemblyman Braunstein introduced legislation that would ensure that at-risk patients discharged from treatment facilities and emergency departments are provided with opioid overdose educational materials and two doses of an opioid antagonist, such as naloxone. Previously incarcerated individuals identified with a substance-use disorder would also be provided these materials upon release. This bill passed the State Assembly and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Strengthening the NYC Rainy Day Fund: A.10158

Assemblyman Braunstein introduced a bill to improve the operation and transparency of New York City's revenue stabilization fund, known as the Rainy Day Fund, which was established at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would set a target amount of fiscal reserves and strengthen the requirements for depositing, withdrawing and replenishing monies in the fund to help ensure future emergency preparedness. This bill passed in the Assembly.

Protecting Middle Class Co-op Owners: A.10456

Assemblyman Braunstein introduced legislation that would renew the J-51 property tax exemption and abatement program, as well as raise the assessed value threshold to allow more middle-class co-ops to take advantage the program. This bill passed in the Assembly.



Assemblyman Braunstein delivered hundreds of items generously donated by Northeast Queens schools and families through the "Valentines for Vets" gift drive to hospitalized and disabled veterans at the St. Albans VA Community Living Center and the New York State Veterans' Home at St. Albans.



Assemblyman Braunstein joined the Douglaston and Flushing communities to celebrate two street co-namings honoring three local leaders: Ann Jawin, founder of the Center for the Women of New York, and Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno, founding members of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association.

Dear Neighbor:

I hope you are enjoying a pleasant summer. This newsletter highlights the actions I have been taking in our district and in Albany on behalf of our community. If you would like to sign up for my email list to receive more frequent updates, please email me at braunsteine@nyassembly.gov.

As always, my office is available to assist you. If you are having trouble with state or local government issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. My staff and I are always here to help you obtain benefits, provide information on government programs and develop legislative solutions to community problems. I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Assemblyman and I wish you and your family a healthy and happy rest of the year.



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Assemblyman Braunstein joins advocates to announce the \$20M AAPI Equity Budget: an important investment in the community-based organizations working on the ground to offer comprehensive services and support to Asian American New Yorkers.



Assemblyman Braunstein marched in the 4th Annual Bayside Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Bell Boulevard.