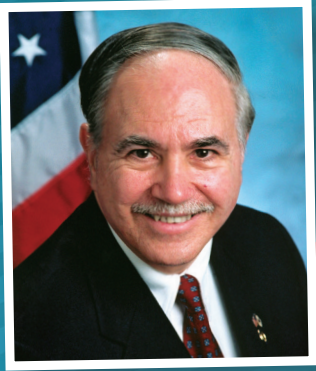




ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM COLTON

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE



COLTON CONTINUES TO FIGHT AGAINST 86TH STREET HOMELESS SHELTER

My office has formally called for a full investigation into serious allegations of fraud connected to a demolition permit issued to the Sandhu Company for a homeless shelter facility in our district.

WHAT HAPPENED?

The demolition permit granted to the Sandhu Company relied on an asbestos inspection report that was fraudulent. Independent retesting confirmed asbestos in the building, directly contradicting the report submitted during permitting. Asbestos is a known carcinogen. Filing a false inspection report to secure a permit is not just a failure of duty, it may be criminal fraud.

Every New Yorker deserves a safe place to go. But this facility, as it now stands, does not help the homeless individuals it claims to serve, and it does not help our neighborhood. As long as I am in office, I will not stop fighting until this corruption is stopped.



DOT UNVEILS BAY PARKWAY BUS LANE PLAN: WHAT IT MEANS FOR PARKING

The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has proposed dedicated bus lanes along nearly all of Bay Parkway, from Avenue J to Shore Parkway, plus part of Cropsey Avenue, to speed up the B6 and B82 buses. The plan also adds left-turn lanes at 14 intersections and up to 18 new pedestrian islands in what DOT calls a Vision Zero priority corridor.

Parking impact: Most of the new lanes would be offset, running one lane in from the curb, specifically to preserve on-street parking. Curbside lanes would only appear at the few spots where left-turn bays are needed. With this new plan it would eliminate one in every five spots available for parking.

Standing with our merchants: We are pushing back against the parking restrictions in this plan and fighting to make sure DOT protects the parking our small businesses need to survive.

My office is following this closely. Questions or concerns? Call my District Office at (718) 236-1598.

AUTO INSURANCE REFORMS: LOWER COSTS FOR DRIVERS

New York drivers have long paid some of the highest auto insurance premiums in the nation. This year's enacted State Budget, signed by Governor Hochul on May 27, 2026, includes a major package of auto insurance reforms aimed at reducing fraud, curbing excessive litigation, and lowering costs for everyday drivers.

WHAT'S CHANGING

- Insurers can no longer set your rates based on your ZIP code, homeownership status, occupation, or education level.
- New limits crack down on staged accidents and fraudulent claims that drive premiums up for everyone.
- The State Department of Financial Services has expanded oversight of insurer rate increases, including a prior approval requirement.
- New caps limit excess insurer profits, with savings intended to be returned to policyholders.
- Damages are limited for drivers who are uninsured, impaired, or primarily at fault in a crash.

These reforms won't lower your bill overnight, but they target the root causes that have made New York auto insurance so expensive. My office will continue monitoring how these changes affect drivers in our district.

COLTON'S HERE. HE'S THERE



COMMUNITY CLEANUPS: BIG AND MINI

My office continues to organize community cleanups throughout Bensonhurst, Gravesend, Bath Beach, Dyker Heights, and Midwood. These include our larger seasonal cleanups as well as smaller, more frequent “mini” cleanups focused on specific blocks and public spaces, including Lady Moody Park. Keeping our streets, parks, and public spaces clean is about more than appearances. It’s about neighborhood pride, public safety, and making sure every block in our district gets the attention it deserves. Litter, overgrown greenery, and neglected public spaces can make a neighborhood feel forgotten, and that’s not acceptable in the 47th Assembly District.

GET INVOLVED!

- Big cleanups: Larger seasonal events covering multiple blocks and avenues, held throughout the summer and fall.
- Mini cleanups: Smaller, more frequent cleanups at specific locations, including Lady Moody Park, that make it easy to pitch in for an hour or two.
- All cleanups are open to volunteers of all ages. Supplies (gloves, bags, grabbers) are provided.
- Students can earn community service hours for participating, and my office is happy to provide a letter of recommendation for students who volunteer regularly.

Call my District Office at **(718) 236-1598** to find out about the next scheduled cleanup date and location, or to volunteer. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole afternoon, every volunteer makes a real difference in how our community looks and feels.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS: TWICE A MONTH

My office hosts food distributions twice a month to help residents and families access free groceries, including fresh produce and shelf-stable goods. These distributions are free and open to residents of our district, no proof of income required.

HOW TO GET ON THE LIST

- Call my District Office at **(718) 236-1598** to be added to our food distribution list.
- Our staff will let you know the dates, times, and pickup location for the next distribution.
- Please share this information with neighbors and family members who could use extra help.

These distributions are made possible with the help of generous community partners, and are one more way my office works to support the well-being of our neighbors.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS: UA3, ARISE, AND PAYO

THREE OUTSTANDING LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

UA3, Arise, and the Pakistani American Youth Organization (PAYO), have been vital partners in serving our district, running food distributions that reach hundreds of families each year. My office is proud to support their work and to help connect them with the resources they need to keep serving our neighbors.



E. COLTON'S EVERYWHERE.

GOOD NEWS: CARD CURIO'S POSTAL SERVICES RESTORED

Card Curio, a vital local business located at 1537 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228, provides postal services in coordination with the United States Postal Service. Recently, the Postal Service terminated its contract with Card Curio, depriving seniors, people with disabilities, and the whole community of a small business that offers essential postal services in a convenient, handicapped-accessible location.

WE GOT IT FIXED

- Thanks to the direct efforts of my office, the United States Postal Service has reversed course and reinstated Card Curio's contract.
- All services that Card Curio previously offered will continue under the reinstated contract.
- Thank you to every community member who first alerted us to this issue. Please keep letting us know when something isn't working.

If you run into a problem with a local business that provides USPS services, or with postal service in general then please call my office and we will do everything we can to help.

BENSONHURST PARK HAS RUNNING WATER



Good news for park-goers: the water fountains and bathrooms at Bensonhurst Park are back in working order. After repairs to the underlying pipes, residents and visitors can once again enjoy running water throughout the park. This fix addresses a concern many community members raised, and it's a welcome improvement as more families head outdoors this season.

Our staff has been working hard behind the scenes with the Parks Department to get this issue resolved, and we're glad to see those efforts pay off. We will continue working with local agencies to keep our parks in good shape for everyone to enjoy.

FREE BOOK GIVEAWAYS EVERY FRIDAY

My office hosts a free book giveaway every Friday from 1pm to 3pm, and it's become one of my favorite community traditions. Stop by and take home a book, no cost, no sign-up, and no limit beyond what you can carry.

All of the books come from generous constituents who have donated their gently used books to be shared with neighbors. It's a simple way for our community to give back to itself: someone finishes a book, passes it along, and another neighbor gets to enjoy it. Fiction, nonfiction, children's books, cookbooks, we get a little bit of everything, and the selection changes week to week.

If you have books at home that you no longer need, we would love to add them to the giveaway. Drop off donations at my District Office, 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

Come by this Friday and see what you find!



A MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER COLTON



Dear Neighbors,

From cleaning up our streets and parks to helping families put food on the table, to fighting for lower auto insurance rates, my office has been hard at work this year on the issues that matter most to our community. Here is a roundup of what’s happening and how you can get involved.

“From our parks to our pocketbooks, my office is working for you every day.”
— Assemblymember William Colton

With respect and dedication,
Assemblymember William Colton
47th Assembly District

Congratulations to Our 2026 Graduates!

On behalf of my office, congratulations to all of this year’s graduates across the 47th Assembly District. This is a milestone worth celebrating, and I’m proud of what you have accomplished.

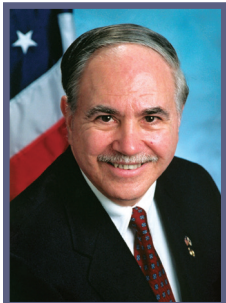
Thank you to the schools that invited me to speak at their graduation ceremonies this year. Members of my staff and I were honored to attend many of these ceremonies and hand out awards to outstanding students along the way.

Before serving in the Assembly, I spent eleven years as a New York City public school teacher, and that experience taught me firsthand how important these milestones are for students, families, and the teachers who help get them there. The pursuit of education opens doors and shapes the kind of community we all want to live in.

Congratulations graduates and best wishes on all of your next endeavors. Our district is proud of you.

Community Office, 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223

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