



Summer 2016

Assemblymember

# Jaime Williams

News from the 59th District



## PASSING LEGISLATION FOR PRESERVATION

My first piece of legislation to preserve the crucial resource of New York State’s Bluefish has been approved by the Assembly. Co-sponsored by Assemblyman Steven Englebright, this bill extends the Department of Environmental Conservation’s (“DEC”) regulatory authority for an additional three years, and ensures that the DEC continues to be able to maintain compliance with the Fishery Management Plan.



## FIRST STEPS WITH AD 59

I was officially sworn in as a newly-elected Member of the Assembly and proudly cast my first vote on the Assembly floor – voting in favor of a legislative package that will strengthen protections for domestic violence survivors.

*“My constituents voted me into office with the confidence that I would do everything in my power to protect them and advocate on their behalf. With my ‘aye’ votes today, I have taken the first step in a long journey to uphold their trust in me and truly be the best advocate I can be.”*

*~ Assemblymember Jaime Williams*

## CELEBRATING NEW AUTHORS AT P.S. 203

Councilman Maisel who led the banning of “shark fin” commercial fishing in New York State joined me at P.S. 203 to speak to the young authors on their non-fiction featured stories, all of which discussed the important issues of banning the practice of shark fin commercial fishing.



*Mrs. Wetzel & Mrs. Smith’s class with Councilman Alan Maisel at the P.S. 203 New Author’s Party.*

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## KNOW WHAT YOU'RE EATING

I joined GMO Free NY at a press conference to address the importance of labeling Genetically Modified Organism products (GMO Labeling). Bill A.617B, sponsored by Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, expresses the need for labeling of GMO products. We all should have the opportunity to make an informed decision about what we eat.

*GMO Free NY held a press conference in which the promotion and importance of labeling Genetically Modified Organism products was showcased.*



## KIDS ON THE MOVE

The youth within our district have taken major strides to having a successful year. To further support our children, New York City Councilman Alan Maisel and I spoke with local school liaisons on current summer reading material and increasing youth library membership in the face of increasing technology.



## LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

I had the joy of taking part in the festivities of the Lag B'Omer celebration at both Chabad of Georgetown and Khal Bais Mordechai and met and greeted constituents at the bonfire celebrations occurring throughout my Assembly District.



Lag B'Omer marks the end of the restrictive period that began during Passover and is celebrated across the world with dancing and singing around a bonfire, all of which the Councilman and the Assemblymember joyously took part in.



## WELCOME OUR NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

I recently had the honor of being able to assist in the induction of four worthy young men in the local Boy Scout chapter. Resurrection Church in Gerritsen Beach held the induction ceremony of promoting candidates to the prominent rank of Eagle Scout. Along with Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Father William With, ASM Henry Feeny, Committee Chair Mike Bianco and Scoutmaster Vincent Cirino, I helped swear in the Eagle Scouts. The coveted and honorable position vested upon these four worthy candidates is highly sought after and earned only with dedication and hard work. Other notable individuals honored with the rank of Eagle Scout include Neil Armstrong, Hon. Michael Bloomberg, and President Gerald Ford.





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## MILL ISLAND RETIREES

I had the unique opportunity to speak with and honor some of our active adults. I was privileged to present some worthy active adults at the Mill Island Retirees annual luncheon with awards for their dedication and commitment to the 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.



## MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, our nation spends time in remembrance of the people who lost their lives while serving our armed forces. I had the honor and privilege of honoring these great men and women at Gerritsen Beach along with my staff, Henderson Wint, Melba Brown, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Bishop Nathan Williams, Henry Bolus, Rabbi Avrohm Hecht, Councilman Alan Maisel and Frank Seddio. We are forever grateful for the courage and service displayed on behalf of the United States.

## GERRITSEN BEACH



## FLAG OF FREEDOM

The Haitian flag is a symbol of great pride for the country of Haiti. After years of being colonized by France, the flag's colors signify a history of seeking independence, freedom and a distinct cultural identity. On May 18<sup>th</sup> the presidents of the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, Senator Jesse Hamilton and I celebrated the rich culture and heritage behind the Haitian flag.

## BAYVIEW FEEDING BROOKLYN

Bayview Community Center is all about supporting those who are less fortunate in our area. During early May, I spent some time with volunteers at the Bayview Community Center to help organize a food pantry. Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in making this day a success.





## JCC OF MARINE PARK STREET FAIR

Along with Shea Rubenstein, President of the JCC of Marine Park, I took part in their Spring Street Fair meeting many residents of the Marine Park area. This lovely event helped further safety issues pertaining to the Spring and Summer seasons and traveling within our community.



## CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION

I helped host and honor our local School Crossing Guards at the Legislative Breakfast on June 10. At this wonderful event I helped in honoring and awarding our School Crossing Guards who are there on a daily basis protecting and ensuring our children's safety. These silent heroes are a front line of defense in making sure our children take part and enjoy their education.



*Millennium Development*

## ACTIVE ADULTS

A cornerstone of the 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and its President Paul Curiiale host seniors in the New York State Assembly Chamber during the annual Senior Day.



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It is election season once again. The primary election is **September 13, 2016**, and **Election Day is November 8, 2016**. For all constituents that will not be in the state or cannot make it to the polling locations, the absentee ballot process exists. If you wish, you can find the application at <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/Absentee06152010.pdf>. The application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections no later than the day before the election, or postmarked no later than 7 days before election day.