

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

February 29, 2020

Upcoming Events

Celebrating Black History Month

Senator Diane Savino and I are hosting a Black History Month celebration, recognizing black movers and shakers in the community. Join us today, Saturday, February 29 from 3-5pm at Reach Out & Touch Ministries, 51 Cottage Place. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the final day of Black History Month together!



Saint Patrick's Day Open House

Join me tomorrow, Sunday, March 1 in celebration of St. Patrick's Day! I will be continuing the tradition of hosting a Corned Beef & Cannoli celebration. My office, located at 853 Forest Avenue, will be open to the public from 12:30 pm-3:30 pm. Drop

by for warm drinks and snacks.



Updates from Albany

New York State Legislature Delegation Trip to Israel

It was a blessing and privilege to have had the opportunity to travel to the middle east and visit the holy land with my colleagues in government. The visit was moving in so many ways especially when looking at the historical foundation of the three major religions. Meetings with Israeli government officials; representatives of the Palestinian Authority, Arab-Israeli citizens from different walks of life, and clergy of different faiths gave us an understanding of the complicated challenges within this region including the level of diversity within the country.

Visiting the place where Jesus was born and where Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) rose to heaven and the Western Wall was a powerful experience. The most impactful visit was to Yad Vashem. The fact that the world remained silent while the Nazis strategically tortured and murdered over 6 million innocent people including 1.5 million children is evil and heartless. We must remember that any bit of hate toward one group is hate toward all groups and condemn it immediately.

Strengthening the connections between our communities will make us better able to work together on issues that are important to Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike. If we join forces to combat Islamophobia and anti-Semitism and act on issues of shared concern, our strength is multiplied. Only together, can we make New York a place where tolerance prevails.





Meeting with Amalgamated Transit Union, (ATU) Local 726

It was a privilege to meet with my good friend Dan Cassella, President of ATU Local 726 on Staten Island and delegation members during their advocacy day in Albany. We were able to discuss several pressing issues that the organization is facing as a result of ridesharing and MTA policies that directly impact MTA workers as they seek to ensure the safety and quality of our mass transit service.

Transportation remains one of my biggest priorities when it comes to affordable, accessible and safe modes of public transportation to the people of the North Shore. We cannot achieve our objectives and goals without the help of the dedicated workers affiliated with ATU. I stand with the brothers and sisters of Division 726.



District 61 News

North Shore Right-of-Way Cleanup

I have been working closely with New York Economic Development Corporation (NYEDC) to discuss development projects planned for the North Shore, stretching from Mariners Harbor to Clifton. During our meetings, I raised concerns about the high levels of illegal dumping and graffiti disrupting the North Shore Right of Way and the beatification of the surrounding communities.

Over the past month, cleanup crews have tackled graffiti, overgrowth, and illegal dumping in several locations including near Heusden Street and Van Name Avenue in Mariners Harbor, where a large amount of garbage and overgrowth had accumulated behind a fence and along the sidewalk. In Port Richmond, the teams visited various overpasses to remove debris and clean graffiti.

Thank you to NYEDC for your partnership and commitment to improving the cleanliness and safety of neighborhoods on the North Shore. **Contact my office if there are areas in your community experiencing illegal dumping.**



120 Precinct Community Meeting

At this month's 120 precinct community meeting, community members discussed concerns about car vandalism and community safety concerns. My office also presented two 'officer of the month' awards for the police officers' commitment to serving the community. Precinct community meetings are a great opportunity for residents to meet local Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs).

NCOs are officers assigned to neighborhood sectors and serve as liaisons between the Department and their assigned community. NCOs familiarize themselves with residents and their problems by attending community meetings with neighborhood leaders and clergy, visiting schools and following up on previous incidents. Click here to learn who your NCOs are and to find an upcoming NYPD community meeting in your area!



Celebrating Unsung Community Leaders Making a Difference

My office was honored to speak to the community and present awards at the Celebrating Unsung Community Leaders Making a Difference event at Intermediate School 49. A big thank you to the honorees, Minister Robert Perkins, LRaye Means, and Elijah Scott-Pyle for your unique commitments and service to the Staten Island community. Congratulations to Dorcas Meyer, the African American community and the JCC Beacon program for coordinating another successful community event!





Scholarships, Internships, and Career Opportunities_

- Applications for the National Council of Negro Women- Staten Island, High School Achievers Award are open! NCNW-SI is seeking high school students, grades 9-12, with a history of community involvement and academic achievement to apply. Applications are due by March 1. <u>Click here to download an application</u> or contact Dr. Janet Leslie at 917-692-3000.
- The office of Comptroller Scott Stringer is accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Internship Program! This is a paid, 9-week program (June 8th to August 6th) and it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Interested applicants should click here to apply! The application will close on March 6th.



• The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) is offering a People's Memorial College Scholarship to support first-time college students with their career path by offering a monetary incentive to cover qualified college expenses such as partial tuition, school books, school equipment, and relocation expenses. The People's Memorial College Scholarship awards two prizes of \$1,000. This scholarship application is open to members and non-members of LES People's FCU. Applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2020 at 4pm. Completed applications can also be submitted via email to aportada@lespfcu.org. Click here to

download an application!

Community Resources

• The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs advises NYC residents to call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge" if you have any questions or concerns about how the 'public charge rule' may impact you. Click here to stay informed on all Public Charge updates.

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- If you are between the ages of 14 and 24, you can get a paid summer experience through the **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**. There are jobs in government, museums, sports, and more. SYEP also leads workshops on finding a job and understanding your finances.
 - Apply to SYEP online during the application period- Applications open March 3!
 - Selection is based on a lottery.
 - Work is available for youth with disabilities.
 - Click here to find more details on applying to the 2020 SYEP program
- Every Saturday from 5pm to 9pm H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths hosts free soccer lessons for youth ages 8-18 years old at I.S. 49 at 101 Warren Street. Please contact Heather Butts at 347-489-3060.



Need help protecting your family? The FDNY and Red Cross are offering you and your neighbors free smoke/ CO alarm installations. FDNY will be installing smoke alarms to those who sign up. Schedule an appointment today! <u>Click here to register</u> or call (877) 733-2767.

On Thursday, March 5 from 10am to 1pm, members of the FDNY Fire Safety Education Team will also be distributing batteries and fire safety literature at Home Depot, 2501 Forest Ave and Costco, 2975 Richmond Ave.



Community Events

• Created for You Artists Market is hosting Hello Again Leap Year, Artists Market, today, Saturday, February 29 from 1 to 6pm at Flagship Brewery 201 Bay Street. Join them for an afternoon of games, craft activities for kids and more!



• Beacon Christian Community Health Center will be hosting free mammogram screenings on Wednesday, March 11 for women ages 40-79. Their mobile bus will be parked at 2079 Forest Avenue from 9:30am to 4pm. Come in for a no-cost mammogram and clinical breast exam. Call 718-815-6560 or 877-628-9090 to schedule an appointment.



• On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an Active Shooter Training at the Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targee Street. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the training to begin at 7pm. The primary focus of this presentation is to teach community members how to identify potential threats and tips for improving security within a facility. The NYPD strongly encourages representatives from all houses of worship, sensitive locations and publicly accessible facilities to attend this training. For more information and to RSVP email PBSI@nypd.org or call (718) 667-2219.



 North Shore residents are invited to the second Downtown Revitalization Initiative Community Open House scheduled for Thursday, March 12 from 5pm to 7pm at 55 Richmond Terrace, in the Empire Outlets VIP Suite on level 3. Come learn about the DRI process and provide opinions on the proposed projects. Free parking is available to those who RSVP by Wednesday, March 11 at Info@jmtmedia.nyc.



• **Muslim Sisters of Staten Island Inc. and PS 68 are hosting a free Body Safety workshop** for the community on Saturday, March 28 from 11am to 3pm. This is a part of their Child abuse awareness and prevention campaign. They will have an interactive workshop for adults and children (separately) a read-aloud about body safety and community resources tabling. Join them for this important workshop.



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