

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

March 5, 2020 Happy Women's History Month

Advisory Notice: Get ready to 'Spring Forward' as Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020. All clocks should be set forward one hour.

Updates From Albany

The New York State Legislature Passes \$40 Million in Appropriation to Fight the Coronavirus

The \$40 million my colleagues and I allocated will help save the lives of New Yorkers. While most people who contract coronavirus do not become seriously ill, we have seen how quickly the disease can spread and the potentially life-threatening effects. Therefore, we must act proactively instead of reactively.

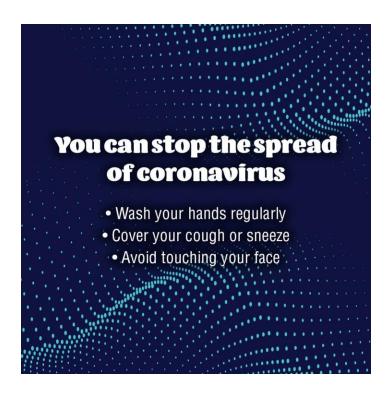
• This funding will purchase lifesaving equipment and supplies and ensure healthcare workers have the training they need to deal with this outbreak.

The State legislature is working expeditiously to reassure New Yorkers that all is being done to curtail this potential health crisis. Ensuring we prepare our health care providers, service care workers and sharing accurate information with the public will allow us to do just that.

Click to watch my informational video regarding coronavirus.

Locally, Staten Island University Hospital and Richmond University Medical Center have been working together with officials at all levels of government to coordinate and prepare for potential cases of Coronavirus on Staten Island. Both Emergency Departments and the hospitals they serve, are well prepared and have procedures in place to handle potential cases. Together, our goal is to keep the Staten Island community safe.

• If you have questions or concerns related to coronavirus, call 311 or the NYS Coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065



Meeting with District 61 Healthcare and Mental Health Advocates

I had the privilege to meet with several groups that represent the healthcare and mental health needs of many Staten Islanders. During my discussion with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) we discussed how our community can address the increasing suicide rate among people in need, including law enforcement officers, particularly here on Staten Island. We agreed to keep this important dialogue at the forefront of our partnership and establish a holistic plan to address this serious problem.

- <u>Community Health Center of Richmond (CHCR)</u> operates three not-for-profit family health centers on Staten Island, including two facilities in Port Richmond and one in Stapleton-St. George.
 - They provide primary health care and dental care for all ages, along with a range of specialties, including behavioral health care, obstetrics and gynecology, podiatry, nutritional counseling, wellness, and prenatal and post-partum care.
 - They also provide insurance enrollment assistance.





• NAMI NYC Staten Island is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1987. They provide support, education, and advocacy on behalf of families affected by mental illness and their loved ones-all free of charge. Their team is comprised of trained volunteers and respected clinicians who donate their time to further their common goals.

Their advocacy is centered on:

- o Advance Suicide Prevention
- o Support Community Services, Caregivers and the Mental Health Workforce
- o Mental Health Housing
- Access to Appropriate Services and Medication
- Address Veteran's Mental Health



District 61 News

Black History Month: Celebrating Movers and Shakers in the Community

Black History on Staten Island dates back to the 1830s with the establishment of <u>Sandy Ground</u>, the oldest continuously <u>inhabited free Black settlement in the United States</u>. Since then, there has been a long linage of black community members that have made strides individually and collectively to improve communities across Staten Island.

It was an honor to join Senator Diane Savino and community members for an end of Black History Month celebration. During the event, we honored five community activists, educators, business owners and all-around change makers who have dedicated their time and energy to building on the legacy of those movers and shakers before them. Congratulations to all the honorees: Kamor Olayokun Jr., Augusta Emokpae, Sahera Threats, Sarah Blas, and Kay Woods for the impactful work you all continue to do. Thank you to the performers, representatives from New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID) for providing Census 2020 information, the community members who shared in our afternoon of community pride and Senator Chuck Schumer for sending a thoughtful video message. It takes a unified village to improve our community!











Visiting Public School 21

It was my pleasure to sit down with two bright students from Public School 21 for an interview about my journey to becoming their state representative; college and career readiness; and the \$30,000 in funding that I helped to secure for technology updates in their school. It was great to speak to these young scholars about the pressing issues facing our community, including transportation access and vaping. I was extremely impressed by the thoughtful questions, comments, and suggestions these two students posed throughout our conversation. The students of our next generation give me hope that our community will be in good hands if we continue to invest the necessary resources into their development. Thank you to Principal Anthony Cosentino for his great leadership in service to our young students.





Moore Catholic High School Alumni Recognition

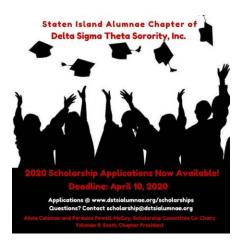
It was my honor to return to my alma mater Moore Catholic to receive an honor of recognition during Black History Month as the school's first alumni to serve as an elected official and the first Black and Muslim in the State legislature from Staten Island. I graduated from Moore in 2008 unclear of what the future had in store for me, however, I knew that the education, opportunities and mentorship I had been afforded would help me achieve anything I set my mind to. It was humbling to return to the school and speak with these ambitious students who are beginning to plan their futures. Thank you to Moore President and Principal Gina DeSantis for her continued leadership and legendary alumni basketball player and now varsity basketball coach, Kyle McAlarney for welcoming me back to my old stomping ground. Once a Maverick, always a Maverick!





Grants, Scholarships, Internships, and Career Opportunities

- The Partnerships for Parks Capacity Fund Grant provides small grants of up to \$3,000 to strengthen the outreach, membership, and program-planning capacity of community groups who care for their neighborhood green spaces in all five boroughs of New York City. Click here to apply! Applications are due by Sunday, March 15.
- The **Fiscal Year 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program Urban Area Request for Applications** (**RFA**) has been posted on the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services website. Eligible nonprofit organizations may apply for up to a total of \$100,000 in grant funds.
 - Click here to find information about the RFA and necessary documents
 - Nonprofit organizations that are applying for this funding opportunity must be prequalified in NYS Grants Management prior to application submission. Click here to learn more about the prequalification process.
 - All nonprofit organizations seeking to apply for this funding program must submit their applications to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services via the E-Grants system. The due date for applications is March 18, 2020 by 5pm.
 - o For more information, e-mail Grant.Info@dhses.ny.gov or call 1-866-837-9133
- The Staten Island Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is offering two scholarship opportunities, one for graduating high school seniors (Melody Scott-Decuir College Scholarship) and another for rising college students (Teresa A. Gallishaw Memorial Scholarship). Both applications are due by April 10, click here to apply! Email scholarships@dstsialumnae.org for more information.



- 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. <u>Interested applicants should click here to apply!</u> The application will close this Friday, March 6.
- 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, schoolbooks, school equipment, and relocation expenses.
 - o 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

- 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.
 - o Apply now for a job this summer! The deadline is April 10, 2020
 - o Selection is based on a lottery.
 - Work opportunities are available for youth with disabilities.
 - Click here to find more details on applying to the 2020 SYEP program



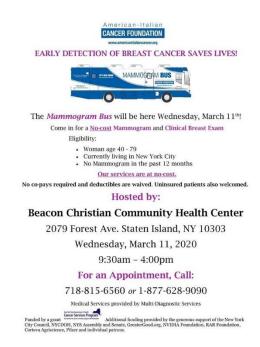
- The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs advises NYC residents to call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge" if you have any questions or concerns about how the 'public charge rule' may impact you. Click here to stay informed on all Public Charge updates.
- Every Saturday from 12pm-4pm the St. George Library, 5 Central Ave, offers a free job search clinic which provides participants with one on one assistance with their resume, cover letter, and tips on how to ace job interviews. Participants are seen on a first come, first served basis. Click here to visit their Facebook page see updates and cancellations of sessions.
- Are you having trouble with your email? Don't know how to cut and paste? Want to practice your computer skills? Bring your questions and learn how to figure out your technology issues! The St. George Library, 5 Central Ave, also offers Basic Computer Help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Click here to visit their Facebook page for session times. Participants are seen on a first come, first served basis.
- 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 for more information.
- The FDNY and Red Cross are offering residents 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.

Community Events

- All are welcome to attend a lecture on "The Powerful Women of Staten Island's Past" on Saturday,
 March 7th at 4:30pm to 6pm at The Noble Maritime Collection located on 1000 Richmond Terrace,
 Bldg D. Come learn about the contributions of several amazing women who have impacted Staten
 Island. This event is free and open to the public.
- Join the **Staten Island Museum this Saturday, March 7 from 2pm to 4pm** for the public opening reception of their dynamic new exhibition, Women of the Nation Arise!, honoring the centennial of the 19th amendment. Discover how women's right to vote was earned as well as the relevance to present-day considerations of civic engagement and voter participation. **Click here to find out more information!**



 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.



• Need answers about self-direction, brokerage, or fiscal intermediary services? Come to Person Centered Care Services' Fiscal Intermediary Q&A Session on Wednesday, March 18th, from 10am to 12pm at their main office on 150 Granite Avenue. Register with Michelle at mtoye@pccsny.org or (718) 370-1088 x224.



• 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.



• Looking for an activity? Unity Games is having its **18th Annual Unity Games on March 21st and 22nd at Susan E. Wagner High School, 1200 Manor Road.** Staten Island youths in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who are interested must register online before the deadline on **Saturday, March 7th.** <u>Click here to register</u> or for more information call (917) 640-7593.



• Jobs-plus Staten Island, in partnership with NYC Thrive is offering free 8-hour Adult Mental Health First Aid Training on Monday, March 30 at the Jobs Plus Office on 30 Bay Street, 4th FL. To earn your certificate click here to register or call/text (718) 285-8488 for more information.



Sincerely,

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