



## Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

June 27, 2020

### Upcoming Event

Join me to ring in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday with a grab-and-go barbeque on **Thursday, July 2 from 1 pm to 3 pm at my district office: 853 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310**. Grab a burger and get counted by the Census! Representatives from the New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID) will be available to help complete the census. BBQ, reusable tote bags, PPE and hand sanitizer will be available, while supplies last.

ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES D. FALL  
Hosts A Grab-And-Go

# INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM  
853 FOREST AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND NY 10310

- Food and Refreshments
- 2020 Census Count
- Masks and Hand Sanitizer Available
- Learn About Civic Engagement Opportunities

Free and open to the public.  
For more information call (718) 442-9932 or  
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## District 61 News

### Honoring the Life and Legacy of the late Reverend Maggie M. Howard



On June 13, the North Shore and the larger Staten Island community said farewell to Reverend Maggie M. Howard, a beloved friend, community leader, and faith leader of the Stapleton Union American Methodist Episcopal (UAME) Church. Reverend Howard became a member of the UAME Church- one of the oldest African-American churches in the borough- in 1985 and she would be ordained in 1991. Rev. Howard began serving as Senior Pastor of this church in 2002. In this position, she would lead the church into practices to promote and uphold social justice, educate youth, feed and clothe people in need from all over the Island. She was a humanitarian who fostered community relationships and civic ties, assist the addicted and homeless and help move them into productive lives of dignity and hope. Rev. Howard further fostered UAME's reputation as the “church that helps”.

Reverend Howard was named one of the 2020 Staten Island Advance Women of Achievement. I am honored to have put forth a petition to rename the Stapleton Park to "Reverend Maggie Howard Park". Within 30 hours, nearly 1000 community members have signed the petition, which is only a testament to the impact Reverend Howard left on the Staten Island community. **Please take a moment to sign on to this petition in her honor.**

### **Congratulations to the Class of 2020**

NYC public schools are officially out for the summer. The class of 2020 has persisted through the end of an unusual and difficult school year and I want to congratulate them for their amazing accomplishments. **Click here to view my graduation message to the class of 2020.**

Thank you to the wonderful and committed educators, school staff, and parents for guiding our youth through the end of the year. While there continues to be great uncertainty surrounding the fall school year, we will work together to organize the best resources and procedures to ensure the health and safety of our students and school staff.

Congratulations again to the undefeated class of 2020!



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### Updates From Albany

**Governor Cuomo announced this week that \$65 million in federal CARES Act funding is available for childcare providers statewide through the New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive program.**

The funding available includes:

- \$20 million to assist childcare programs to reopen and expand capacity by providing materials to support a more socially distant model, and for supplies and activities

associated with reopening and expansion. This may include partitions, short term rental of space, etc.

- \$45 million in childcare Reopening and Expansion Incentive funds to pay for 50% of the cost of a newly opened classroom (maximum grant amount of \$6,000) as an incentive to open the classroom. The temporary funds will phase out over the second and third months as more parents bring their children back into childcare.

Throughout the pandemic, 65% of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)-licensed and -registered childcare programs remained open, many serving families of essential workers. The funding being made available will help to bring closed programs back to operation to serve families returning to the workplace.

- To be eligible for reopening funds, childcare programs must have either been closed as of June 15 and have a plan to reopen within two weeks of applying or currently operating below their licensed capacity and would like to expand. The grants will be pro-rated as programs reach capacity. Programs must submit a detailed plan for use of funds and must remain open at least through the end of the year.
- The maximum awards for the \$20 million in Reopening and Restructuring Incentives depend on the size of the program and range from \$300 to \$1,600 one-time grants. Childcare programs may apply to OCFS through July 15.

New York went from one of the highest infection rates in the country to one of the lowest because we continue to make difficult but data-driven decisions on reopening the state.

As we move further into the reopening and more parents go back to work, it is essential that childcare programs across the state have the support they need to reopen safely for both our children and staff.

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## **Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community**

1. **NYC is on track to enter Phase 3 of reopening on July 6.**
  - **NYC soccer fields, basketball tennis courts, volleyball, bocce, and handball courts as well as dog runs will open for public use during Phase 3 of reopening.** Social distancing ambassadors will monitor crowding, distribute face coverings, and encourage hygiene.
  - In the meantime, NYC remains in Phase 2 of New York Forward. **Click here for New York Forward guidelines and open restaurant FAQ's.**
  - Restaurant and bar owners can self-certify their eligibility for curb lane and sidewalk seating using the new, streamlined NYC Open Restaurants Program

application. **Click here to access the application.**

2. Governor Cuomo, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, and Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced a joint incoming travel advisory stating that **all individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19 must quarantine for 14-days from the time of last contact within the identified state.**
  - This quarantine applies to any person arriving from a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents over a 7-day average or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day average.
  - As of Wednesday, the advisory applies to Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Texas.
3. **Beginning July 1, swimming will be permitted at all eight NYC public beaches. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 10 am to 6 pm.** All beachgoers are reminded to be safe in and around the water this summer and only swim when lifeguards are on duty.
4. An additional 22 miles have been added to the City's Open Streets program, bringing the citywide total to 67 miles.
  - **The new Staten Island Open Streets locations include, Water St. from Bay St. to Front St. as well as Canal St. from Bay St. to Front St.**
  - Most Open Streets are open from 8 am-8 pm, 7 days a week.
  - **Click here to find all the Open Streets across NYC.**
5. **In observance of Independence Day Holiday, there will be no NYC Sanitation trash or recycling collection on Saturday, July 4.**
  - Instead, residents who normally receive Saturday trash collection should place their items curbside after 4 pm on Sunday, July 5. Residents who normally receive Saturday recycling collection should place their items curbside after 4 pm on Friday, July 10 for collection on Saturday, July 11.
6. **The illegal use of fireworks can lead to serious burns, injuries, fires and even death.** There is no safe way to light illegal fireworks in NYC. Teach children that fireworks are dangerous and should be left to the professionals. Call 311 to anonymously report the use, delivery or sale of fireworks. **Click here to watch the FDNY's public service announcement on the dangers of Fireworks.**
7. **Beginning June 29, residential streets subject to Alternate Side Parking regulations will only be cleaned once a week.**
8. **Locations to get tested for COVID-19:**
  - Mobile testing units will be at NYCHA Stapleton, 77 Hill Street, SI, NY 10304, the week of Monday, June 22 from 10am to 4pm- pending good weather.

- NYC Health + Hospitals will now offer free antibody testing for New Yorkers at its 11 acute care facilities for New Yorkers who have not had COVID-19 symptoms or positive COVID-19 test within the past two weeks. Beginning June 29, antibody testing will expand to 11 Gotham Community Health Center sites as well. **[Click here to find a location near you.](#)**
  - **Use the DOH map to find all of the State-run testing sites.**
  - **Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, at (844) NYC-4NYC.** New Yorkers who have symptoms or questions about Coronavirus can call to connect to a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from **9 am - 9 pm.**
  - **Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. [Click here to learn more](#), or call 1-844-692-4692.**
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### **Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs**

1. The City has expanded its **Cool It NYC! initiative**, to help New Yorkers stay cool this summer. NYC Parks is adding brand new cooling elements within the most heat-burdened communities, and highlighting the existing 950 cooling elements citywide using a new **Cool It! NYC map**.
  - **Utilize the map to find updated information on the closest sprinklers and water fountains in your neighborhood, Parks' recommendations for blocks and areas with the most shade to help stay cool this summer.**
2. New York City tenants facing hardship due to COVID-19 should contact 311 and ask for the City's Tenant Helpline- to receive a referral for free legal advice through HRA's Office of Civil Justice. **[Click here to review FAQ for more information and resources.](#)**
3. **The NYCHA Mold Busters Program** is required to effectively remediate mold and excessive moisture in a timely fashion. Residents with mold or active water leaks in their apartment should enter a work order by calling the **NYCHA Customer Contact Center** at (718) 707-7771. Residents can also use the **MyNYCHA app or website**.
- If you have already contacted CCC regarding mold or leak problems in your unit and would like further assistance – contact the Ombudspersons Call Center at (888) 341-7152 for assistance, or **[click here for more information.](#)**
4. The Department of Education has announced that **free Grab-and-Go Meal Hubs will continue to operate through the summer. Starting on June 29th, the Meal Hub summer service will operate at approximately 400 sites across the city and continue regular service Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Grab-and-go meals are available to any New Yorker in need. Vegetarian and halal meals will be available at all sites, and specific sites serving exclusive kosher-certified meals will continue during the summer. **[Click here to find a location near you.](#)**

5. Complete this short, **anonymous DOE survey to help the city better understand what is most important to families when school returns in the fall**. All parents/guardians of students in grades 3-K through 12, and students in grades 6-12 are invited to take the survey: **click here to fill out the survey** or call 311.
  
6. **National Grid customers can still apply for the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program and the Emergency (HEAP) program through June 30, while funds are available**. The programs have been extended to assist customers who are struggling to pay their energy bills during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - **Customers can call (212) 331-3126 to request a HEAP application by mail**; a return envelope is included with an application. **Click here to download and print an application**.
  - Completed applications can be returned by mail to the Richmond Job Center, 201 Bay St., Staten Island.
  
7. **Cooling Assistance Benefit**. As the weather heats up, **Access NYC** has released the application for the Cooling Assistance Benefit. Through this benefit, individuals and families can receive air conditioners and fans. The deadline to submit applications is August 30, 2020. **For more information and to see if you are eligible, click here**.
  
8. **Small Business Resources:**
  - **Are you a small business owner with questions about reopening?** NYC Small Business Services hosts regular webinars to help businesses understand and comply with requirements and best practices to reopen. Meetings are also targeted to specific communities and continue throughout the summer. **Click here to access the ongoing webinars**.
  
  - **The NYC Department of Small Business Services** has developed a **Reopening Guide**, a helpful palm card: **NYC Means Business: Reopen & Stay Safe at Work** and a dedicated **Business Restart Hotline: 888-SBS-4NYC**.
  
  - NYC restaurants can apply for the **Restaurant Revitalization Program**. Restaurants can apply for up to a maximum of \$30,000 to pay the wages of five or more workers for 6–12 weeks. **Click here to find more information**.
  
  - **Small Business Legal Relief Alliance (SBLRA)** helps provide free legal counsel and financial aid guidance for small businesses and nonprofits seeking COVID-19 Relief. **Click here to find more information**.
  
  - **The New York Forward Loan Fund** is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen. **Click here to access the application**.

- **Free Face Coverings for small businesses and their employees. [Click here to find a distribution partner located near you.](#)**
  - If your organization is interested in receiving donated KN95 Masks from the SI Community Organizations Active in Disaster, **please complete this form.**
  - **Staten Island Business Outreach Center (SIBOC)** is working with small businesses with any assistance they may need; small business owners can call their office **(718) 816-4775** or **info@siboc.org** to a virtual one to one business meeting.
9. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or gender-based violence, help is available. **The Staten Island NYC Family Justice Centers is operating virtually.** Victims and survivors in NYC can get help directly by **calling 718-697-4300 Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm.**
  10. **Get Food NYC** is a free resource to find a location near your home distributing meals for free. Hours and locations on this map are subject to change. **[Click here to find a location near you.](#)**

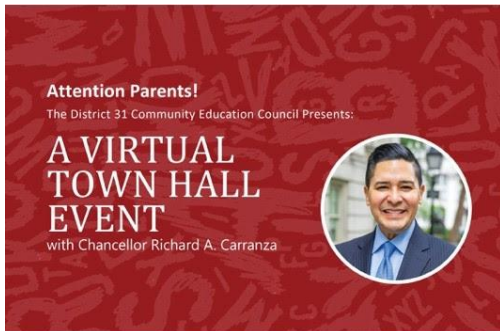
### Useful Virtual Events and Opportunities Information

1. To celebrate the accomplishments of Staten Island business people, **the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2021 Louis R. Miller Awards.** If you know someone that you believe is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award, **click here to access the nomination form.**
2. **Sunday, June 28 at 2pm**, community members and various organizations will gather for the **Peoples Caravan of Conscience and Commitment to End Systemic Racism.** **Vehicles will begin lining up at P.S 57, 140 Palma Drive.** Contact Robinson at **[jrobinson7528@gmail.com](mailto:jrobinson7528@gmail.com)** to register.





3. **District 31 Community Education Council will host a Virtual Town Hall with NYC Chancellor Richard Carranza on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 6:30 pm. Click here to register!** English, Spanish, and Chinese translation will be provided. The CEC is asking for parents and guardians to participate in the Chancellor's Town Hall Feedback Survey prior to the event, to ensure an informative and engaging Town Hall. **Click here to complete the survey.**



All District 31 parents are urged to attend!

**Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

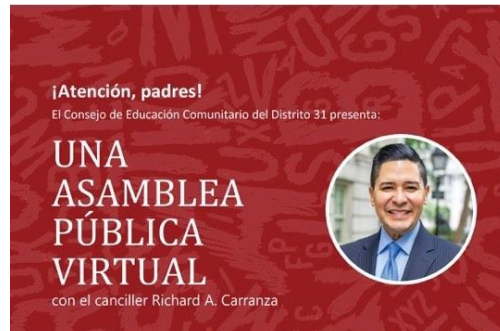
**6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.**

Please register for this event at the following link,

<https://learndoe.org/cec/>

Don't miss this excellent opportunity. Issues and concerns for District 31 will be addressed.

English Conference Line: Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 835 9700 6395  
Spanish Conference Line: Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN 735-255-0102  
Mandarin Conference Line: Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN 933-059-6663



¡Invitamos a todos los padres del Distrito 31 a asistir!

**Lunes, 29 de junio**

**De 6:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.**

Inscríbese para este evento en <https://learndoe.org/cec/>.

No se pierda esta excelente oportunidad. Se abordarán inquietudes y asuntos del Distrito 31.

Línea de conferencia en inglés: Marque 888-475-4499 (línea gratuita) e ingrese el número de identificación (ID) del seminario web 835 9700 6395.  
Línea de conferencia en español: Marque 888-475-4499 (línea gratuita) e ingrese el PIN 735-255-0102.  
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4. **Local Civics is an education technology platform devoted to re-imagining civic participation and engagement in our local communities. Local Civic is hosting a virtual youth leadership series on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Exploring Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy. Click here to register middle and high school students for these free courses.**



5. The office of Comptroller Stringer is hosting a **small business focused M/WBE University Webinar Series on Resiliency and Recovery Post-COVID 19 between June and October**. These Zoom presentations will explore topics from COVID recovery resources and best practices with Minority Depository Institutions to doing business with the Comptroller. Interpretation services will be available in 12 different languages and must be requested at least two days before each session. **Click here to RSVP**. For any questions, please email the Diversity Office at [diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov).

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WEBINAR SERIES: RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY POST-COVID-19  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Via Zoom

June 9, 2020 | June 16, 2020 | July 7, 2020

COVID Resources and Best Practices with Minority Depository Institutions  
Where businesses can learn about government and private sector resources and learn best practices from Minority Depository Institutions.

July 16, 2020  
Investment Relationships with Pension Consultants Post-COVID  
Where M/WBE investment managers can learn and build relationships with NYC's pension consultants.

August 6, 2020  
Doing Business with the Comptroller's Office  
Hear directly from the Comptroller's Office about opportunities for professional services, standard services, and goods contracts.

Save the Date: October 2020  
Annual Emerging & M/WBE Manager Conference  
featuring a special session on Executive Board Searches Post-COVID  
We highly encourage CEOs, Senior Partners, and Portfolio Managers of Public Equity, Public Fixed Income, Private Equity, Real Estate, Infrastructure, Hedge Funds, Alternative Credit, and Economically Targeted Investment Firms and Broker/Dealers to attend.

To RSVP, visit <http://ComptrollerDiversity.eventbrite.com> or email [diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov).  
Interpretation will be available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. Please request interpretation services upon RSVP at least two days before each session.  
Information provided during these sessions might change as emergency laws, resources and other factors evolve during the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot advise you on such developments. Please consult US, NYS, and NYC COVID-19 websites for the latest information.

GET HELP NAVIGATING THE CITY

If you are a business owner and need help navigating City procurement opportunities and resources, make an appointment with the Comptroller's Office by emailing [diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:diversity@comptroller.nyc.gov).  
If you are a constituent and need assistance with complaints or inquiries about government services, please email the Comptroller's Community Action Center at [action@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:action@comptroller.nyc.gov).

6. **CSI's Office of Continuing Education & Professional Development is accepting applications for the Career Success Scholarship**, an initiative aimed at supporting students in continuing education certificate programs. It is open to individuals seeking to advance their careers through education and training -especially those who are unemployed or seeking a career change, and those who do not have access to other sources of funding to pay for tuition and fees. This scholarship does not support current or future degree program studies.
- **Interested candidates should click here for more information and eligibility requirements**
  - **Applications are due by August 3, 2020**

**Career Success Scholarship  
Helena Rubinstein**

- Have you been affected by COVID-19?
- Are you unemployed and looking into the workforce?
- Are you looking to change careers into a industry that is more stabled?

If you answered yes, please apply for the Helena Rubinstein Scholarship. The Scholarship:

- Application will open May 25
- Covers up to 90% tuition

To apply, please consult with a Career Success Liaison: <https://bit.ly/2KAjA3C>

7. My office has collaborated with **Staten Island Therapeutic Garden, H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths, Staten Island Child Wellness Initiative and TYSA** to offer **free virtual family Yoga courses every Thursday at 7 pm and Saturday at 10 am**. Yoga is a practice that aids with improving physical and mental health, healing body aches and pains, and helps to improve focus. Email [Sarah.Blasgarden@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Blasgarden@gmail.com) to get the link to join!

Staten Island Therapeutic Garden presents...

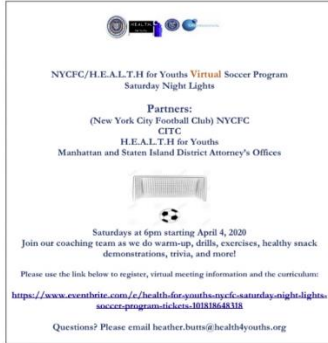
**Family Yoga with Jen**

Thursdays @ 7pm  
Saturdays @ 10am

email [sarah.blasgarden@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.blasgarden@gmail.com)

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8. **H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths** continues to offer their virtual "**Saturday Night Lights**" **Soccer Program each Saturday at 6 pm!** This is an opportunity for youth to get active, practice soccer drills, participate in healthy snack demonstrations, and much more. **Click here to register!**



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## How To Help

1. The need for blood has rebounded to pre-COVID-19 levels, but blood supply is dangerously low. Donors can call **800-933-2566** or **schedule an appointment online now.**
2. **Fill out your US Census today, it is quick and easy and will determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities.** Go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), call [\(844\) 330-2020](tel:8443302020), or respond using the paper form sent to your home.



Wishing you all health and safety,

Charles D. Fall  
Member of Assembly

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