

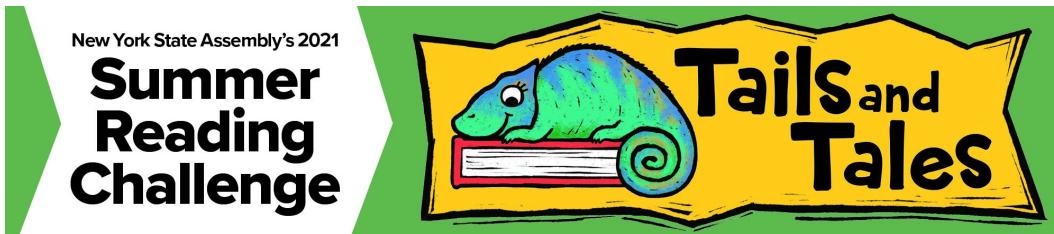


Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

June 10, 2021

Summer Reading Challenge and Calendar

There is no better way to help kids expand their horizons and keep their minds active than by picking up a good book. This year I am inviting our local youth to participate in the Assembly Annual - Summer Reading Challenge, held in partnership with New York State Libraries. The challenge asks children to read a book for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for at least 40 days during July and August. Children can read on their own or with a partner or caregiver and mark off days on the calendar provided. Once they've completed 40 days or more, they submit the calendar to my office and then receive a certificate in the mail.



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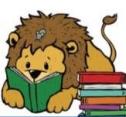
Summer Reading Challenge

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"I pledge to read for at least 15 minutes each day for at least 40 days during the months of July and August. I will mark the calendar below with a check mark (✓) each day that I read by myself or with my reading buddy."

July 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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For a list of titles exploring the history, culture and diversity of New York State visit: www.nysl.nyses.gov/lbdev/summer/explore.htm

For additional reading ideas and preschool book activities, visit: daybydayny.org

When you have marked at least 40 days on this calendar, you will earn an Excellence in Reading certificate. Just send the completed form on the back of this page to my office and your certificate will arrive in the mail.

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Starting in July, kids and teens can get free, healthy summer meals at nearby sites. Visit SummerMealsNY.org to find locations near you.

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New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate

Information form

Child's name # _____

School # _____

Parent/Guardian name # _____

Address 1 # _____

Address 2 # _____

Phone # _____ Email # _____

Number of days completed # _____ Minimum of 40 days needed to receive your certificate.

Favorite book read this summer # _____

Number of years of participation in the Summer Reading Challenge # _____

To receive your certificate, just send the completed form above to my office and your certificate will arrive in the mail.



In cooperation with Summer Reading at New York Libraries
www.summerreadingnys.org

District 61 News

Attention Small Business Owners of Staten Island: The successful recovery of small businesses like yours is key to New York State's future. Thursday, June 10 the applications for the \$800 million COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program are expected to open at 9:00 AM. This grant provides funding to small and micro businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations impacted by the pandemic. The grants will be flexible and can be used for a number of different business operating expenses, including payroll, rent or mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, PPE or other business expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.

Program application details are still being finalized, but if you are a New York State small business owner and would like to receive updates about the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program, please [click here](#). You will be alerted when more information is available, and applications are being accepted. [Click here to be taken to the Application Page and to find out more.](#)

The graphic has a dark blue gradient background. On the left, there is a circular seal for the New York State Assembly. To its right, the text "COVID-19 RELIEF: Small Business Assistance" is displayed in white. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the following text:
The COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program, which was passed as part of this year's state budget, is now accepting applications.
Eligible small businesses and small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations can apply for grants to cover pandemic-related expenditures.
TO LEARN MORE VISIT:
nysmallbusinessrecovery.com

Business of the Week

Shaw- Nae's House is a soul food Boutique that will be opening this coming week. Last week the owner and her family cut the ribbon on their beautiful business. It is always exciting when a small business is opened on the North Shore. Our community welcomes this restaurant with open arms. The restaurant is now taking reservations for this upcoming week. See their flyer below for more information.

~~The Soul Food Boutique~~



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FROM 12 P.M - 10:00 P.M**

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DEPOSIT REQUIRED**

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Updates From Albany

The Assembly has passed a comprehensive package of legislation to better protect New Yorkers from gun violence.

A.6762-A: allow those responsible for the sale, manufacture, importing or marketing of guns to be held liable for the public nuisance caused by such actions. The legislation complies with the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) as interpreted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in City of New York v. Berretta USA Corps. The PLCAA has been used to shield the firearm industry from civil liability.

A.613-A: Entitled the Jose Webster Untraceable Firearms Act, the bill prohibits the possession of ghost guns. Ghost guns are unserialized firearms, typically assembled from unserialized parts, including unfinished frames or receivers. It would require licensed gunsmiths to serialize and register with the New York State Police any unserialized firearm, rifle, shotgun, finished frame or receiver, or unfinished frame or receiver in their possession.

A.2666-A: Entitled the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act.

- Prohibits the possession and sale of unfinished frames and receivers by individuals that are not licensed gunsmiths.
- Unfinished frames and receivers are incomplete gun components that do not require serial numbers under federal law.
- Because guns assembled from unfinished frames and receivers do not have serial numbers, they are untraceable and can be built and transported without the normal background checks required when purchasing a gun from a licensed retailer.
- The legislation is named for Scott J. Beigel, who lost his life during the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida while trying to protect his students.
- **A.6198-B:** Prohibits the purchase, acquisition, sale or disposal of a weapon by or to anyone known to be the subject of an outstanding warrant of arrest for the alleged commission of a felony or serious offense. It would also prohibit an individual from purchasing or acquiring a gun on behalf of another person who the purchaser or acquirer knows to be the subject of such a warrant.
- **A.7957:** Authorizes the court, in matrimonial matters, to order a search and the seizure of firearms when a person against whom an order of protection has been issued refuses to surrender their firearms when so ordered. The Criminal Courts and the Family Court currently have similar statutory authority.

- **A.1005-A:** Requires mental health facilities to provide patients and their authorized representative with information on how to seek an extreme risk protection order prior to a patient's discharge or conditional release. This builds on the 2019 red flag law, which allows law enforcement to confiscate firearms and prohibit an individual from purchasing a firearm if they are deemed to be a threat, and if an extreme risk protection court order is issued.
- **A.6522:** Amends the definition of "disguised gun" to include any rifle, shotgun or machine gun that resembles a toy gun. This would prohibit the possession, manufacture and design of such disguised guns.
- **A.7243:** Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the Division of State Police to publish quarterly reports providing information on firearms, rifles and shotguns that are used in the commission of crimes in New York. This would provide lawmakers and the public with a better understanding of the nature of the firearms used in crimes in the state and better inform policy actions in the future.

My colleagues and I have worked hard to address the root causes of gun violence in our state, and the legislation we passed this week builds on that, helping keep dangerous weapons off our streets and making it easier for law enforcement to trace and track down firearms that are used in crimes.

The Assembly has passed legislation to continue allowing outdoor dining on sidewalks and streets.

- **A.7733:** Allows restaurants to continue to use streets and sidewalks for outdoor dining for an additional year as they work towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we all know, restaurants were particularly hard hit by the pandemic and while many have been forced to close their doors permanently, many more have survived due to the ability to operate outdoors on sidewalks and streets. However, restaurants that sell alcohol were only allowed to operate outdoors because of an executive order, a privilege that will only last if the executive order is in effect. This bill will ensure that these restaurants can continue to operate outdoors for another year as they work to gain back stability and recover from the economic effects of the pandemic.

In the last remaining days of the 2021 Session we successfully passed legislation dealing with the opioid crisis.

A.6395-B: Establishes an opioid settlement fund for future opioid settlement agreements.

- This bill creates an Opioid Settlement Fund.
- It would ensure that all future funding allocations would only be used for approved purposes including substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs, treatment programs for co-occurring mental illnesses, and public education campaigns to combat the ongoing epidemic.
- It would also ensure that no future funding would be used to supplant or replace any current local, state or federal funds that would be used for the purpose of substance use disorder prevention, treatment or recovery services and programs.

New York slated to receive millions of dollars from opioid manufacturers and distributors as a result of legal actions brought by the state Attorney General's Office, this important legislation will ensure any money the state receives from these legal settlements is only used for eligible costs, such as substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs and public education campaigns to combat this epidemic.

The Assembly also passed legislation expanding the MERIT Scholarship by making it available to all Gold Star families

A.7685: The purpose of this bill is to expand the MERIT Scholarship by making it available to all Gold Star families.

- The Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute (MERIT) Scholarship provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces or state organized militia.
- Currently, the MERIT Scholarship is only available to gold star families if their qualifying family member served on or after August 2, 1990.
- While this date becomes less relevant as the years move forward, there are still today gold star families seeking MERIT scholarships who do not meet the program's requirements simply because of this arbitrary date.
- By simply removing the cut-off date we can ensure that no deserving gold star families are left out of this important program.



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

1. [The Governor this week proposed legislation to waive taxes on grants from the \\$800 million COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program. Applications for the program will be accepted starting June 10 for small and micro businesses and small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations to help them recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.](#) The small business recovery grant program will provide funding to small and micro businesses and small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations to help them recover from the economic impact of the pandemic, with priority being given to socially and economically disadvantaged business owners, including minority- and women-owned business enterprises, service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses, and businesses located in economically distressed communities.
2. [The Governor announced this week that \\$3.5 billion in assistance for renters and small businesses experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rental assistance program makes up to \\$2.7 billion in emergency rental assistance available for struggling New Yorkers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)
Applications for the program have started as of June 1 for eligible New Yorkers who are behind on their rent and have suffered financial hardship due to COVID-19. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program will assist with up to 12 months of

past-due rent, 3 months of prospective rental assistance, and 12 months of utility arrears payments to eligible New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. The program is expected to serve between 170,000 and 200,000 households.

3. It was announced that Broadway will fully reopen its doors this September, in accordance with the State's health and safety guidance. Beginning May 6, and throughout May, tickets for Broadway shows - which begin September 14, 2021 - will be made available for sale at 100 percent of theater capacity. This announcement builds upon the reopening of performing arts and live entertainment venues at limited capacities last month and further sets the stage for Broadway shows to return to theaters throughout the fall.
4. The Governor announced today two new vaccination sites will come online in New York City on June 11. The Empire State Building Observatory site, established in partnership with SOMOS Community Care, will operate from Friday, June 11 to Sunday, June 13, and the first 100 individuals who get vaccinated at the site will receive a free ticket to the Empire State Observatory. Additionally, the College of Staten Island site, established in partnership with Northwell Health, will operate from Friday, June 11 to Thursday, June 17, and will participate in the State's 'Vax & Scratch' Program. Based on demand, sites may be extended beyond this initial timeframe.
5. Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:
 - The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or [clicking here](#)
 - The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or [clicking here](#)
 - SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769
 - Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category. Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you and to schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.
 - [Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.](#)
6. Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.
 - View the Test-and-Trace Corps COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
 - [Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.](#)
 - [Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.](#)
 - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.

- Individuals that are unable to safely isolate themselves at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more** or call (844) 692-4692.
Please click here if you have any further questions.
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Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. SCORE Staten Island is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping both aspiring and established entrepreneurs get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through cost-free education and confidential mentorship. The organization is Chapter 476 of the nationwide SCORE. As a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. It has both local mentors, who have proved to be successful in their fields, and a network of 10,000 volunteer mentors across the country providing web-based seminars and resources. It can provide:
 - Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many different industries
 - Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email, phone, or video
 - Free business tools, templates, and tips online
 - Inexpensive or free business workshop (locally) and webinars (online 24/7)
 - For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, SCORE-Staten Island may be visited [here](#). Or you call them at 718-727-1221; email at info@scoresi.org and visit on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

2. Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you. If you need free legal help during the COVID-19 crisis, for matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice and more, call them at 718-233-6480.



**DO YOU NEED
FREE LEGAL HELP
DURING THE
COVID-19 CRISIS?**

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

- Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illlegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
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Legal Services NYC
DEMAND JUSTICE

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates work directly with homeowners across the pre-foreclosure process and fight to help them save their home. LSNYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing outreach and social service agencies and local governments. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in cooperation with community and government partners.

WHAT WE DO

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure avoidance proceedings, including short sales, forbearance agreements, loan modification proceedings, and other court-based proceedings. We also represent homeowners facing evictions or foreclosures through court-based clinics.

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Representing homeowners in court-mandated mediation proceedings
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

CLOUDY'S STORY

Ms. M, a 68-year-old Bronx homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses. For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company informed Ms. M that she was in default and would be facing foreclosure if she did not make her payments. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had been making her payments. When Ms. M was finally able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

CONTACT US

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by calling our toll-free access line at 917-461-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our website below.

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 Boiler Installation
 Water Heater Installation

Please call 718.981.3684 for an appointment
 for all of your plumbing needs.

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4. Small Business Resources:

- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis.** The PPP application for all lenders is now open. There are limited funds, so applicants are advised to apply early! **Click here for more information and to find the right application for your business.**

- In preparation for your application, gather your documentation. For a complete list of required documents and additional PPP information, **click here**.
- **List of participating lenders:**
 - Lower East Side People's Credit Union- North Shore Branch, for PPP inquiries, email lending@lesfcu.org or apply directly online on their **website**.
 - TruFund, **click here for an application** or email Mark Brazier (English) at MBrazier@trufund.org or Marcos Reyes (Spanish) at mreyes@trufund.org.

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. Attention working parents. The District 31 Parent Working Group recently created a Parent/Guardian Survey pertaining to the current school year and plans for the 2021-2022 school year. They are interested in hearing from everyone, so all voices are heard. **Click here to take the survey.**
2. **Stapleton Saturdays beginning June 12 - August 28. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Van Duzer St will be closed to car traffic for summer activities.**



3. **NYC will pay youth \$1,200 to take online courses this summer. Visit NeON's official site for more information.**

4. Celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Jody's Club Forest Saturday June 19th. 372 Forest Ave, SI, NY 10310.



5. Port Richmond High School is hosting a Tailgating Festival on June 19! From 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, you can enjoy raffles, vendors, food, and entertainment. See the flyer below for more info.



6. **Bounce Ball and Laser Tag. Ages 12 and under at The Center 157 Branbrant St after 6:00 PM.**



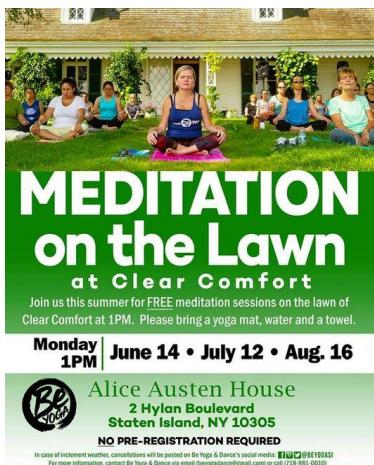
BOUNCE BALL JULY
12 and up &
LASER TAG
12 and under

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Registration Required

After 6 p.m.
@ The Center
157 Brabant Street

7. **Meditation on the lawn at the Clear Comfort. June 14, July 12, August 16 at 1:00 PM** you can attend free meditation sessions on the lawn of Clear Comfort. Bring a yoga mat, water, and towel. See flyer for more information.



8. NYC Parks is looking for volunteers to join Monday morning clean-up projects. Help keep our parks litter-free. See the flyer below for more information.

Show your park some love and join a Monday Morning Pitch-In!

New York City's parks are being used more than ever before as a result of the pandemic, which often means more litter. You can help!

JOIN A MONDAY MORNING PITCH-IN AT:

Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island
Meet at the parking lot. Dates: June 1, June 21, July 12, August 2, and August 23.

Willowbrook Park, Staten Island
Meet at the comfort station. Dates: June 7, June 28, July 19, August 9, and August 30.

Bloomingdale Park, Staten Island
Meet at the comfort station. Dates: June 14, July 6, July 26, August 16, and September 7.

Time: 9a.m.-12p.m.

Please note: Monday Morning Pitch-In's will take place on the Tuesday following a Monday holiday.

For more information contact It'sMyPark@cityparksfoundation.org



NYC Parks

9. The Harriet Tubman Purple Hat Society presents The 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 19th, 2021, 7-11 PM at The Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY 10310.



Sincerely,



Charles D. Fall

Member of Assembly

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