

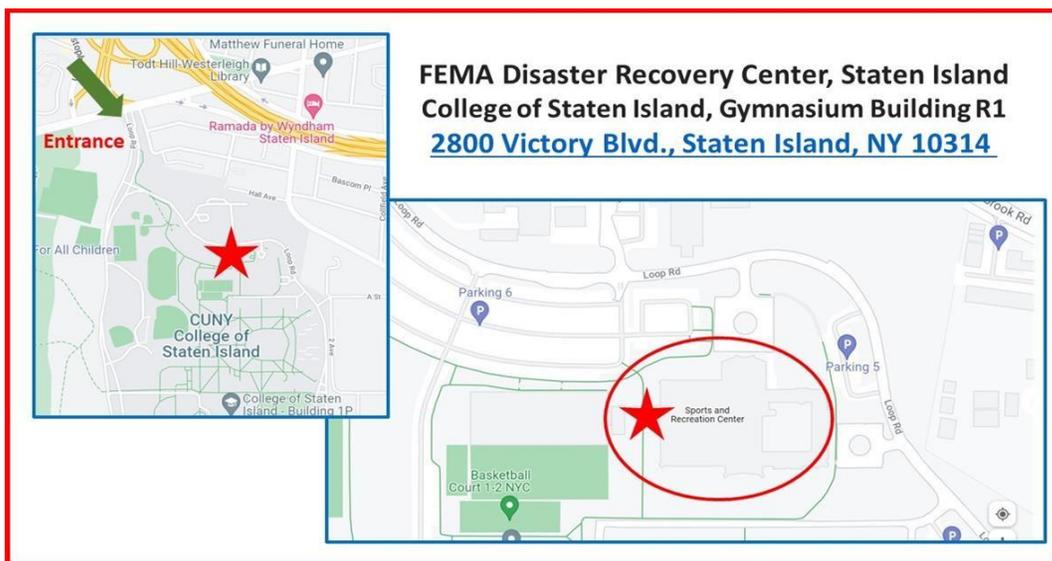


**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
September 16, 2021**

[If you or a loved has been affected by the storm click here to reach out to our office](#)

See more resources below:

- **[Click here to apply for FEMA if you have not done so already or call \(800\) 621 - 3362.](#)**
- **American Red Cross in Greater New York is providing temporary shelter for those affected - 877.RED.CROSS.**
- **NYC Water Damage or Loss Claim Form from [NYC Comptroller's Office](#): Claim must be filed in person or by registered or certified mail within 90 days of the occurrence at the NYC Comptroller's Office, 1 Centre Street, Room 1225, New York, New York 10007. It must be notarized.**
- **College of Staten Island, Gymnasium Building R1 – 2800 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314 is our local Disaster Recovery Center and will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until further notice**



Yom Kippur 2021

I am wishing all who observe Yom Kippur an easy and meaningful fast. G'mar Chatima Tovah!



District 61 News

Mobile Resources at Veterans Park

My office will have personnel from the Department of Financial Services, El Centro, Project Hospitality, UAU, Metro HealthPlus, Reserve, and Health and Hospitals this Friday, September 17th from 11:00AM-4:00PM to provide resources and answer questions you may have about recovery from Hurricane Ida.



Assemblyman Charles D.Fall
MOBILE RESOURCES



CONSTITUENT SERVICES COMING TO
A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

Veterans Park
Park Ave and Bennett St
September 17th
11:00AM-4:00PM

For more information, please contact
fallc@nyassembly.gov or (718) 442-9932

In collaboration with:





Assemblyman Charles D.Fall
RECURSOS MOVIL



SERVICIOS DE COMUNIDAD EN SU
VECINDARIO

Veterans Park
Park Ave and Bennett St
Septiembre 17
11:00AM-4:00PM

Para mas informacion, contacte a
fallc@nyassembly.gov o llame (718) 442-9932

In collaboration with:




Community Greenway clean-up and beautification initiative

Come out and volunteer to help beautify a greenspace this Sunday, September 19th from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Van Name Ave. and Netherland Ave. Staten Island, NY 10303



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**Richmond County
District Attorney
Michael E. McMahon**



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

**CHARLES
FALL**

61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A
COMMUNITY GREENWAY
CLEAN-UP AND
BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE**

WHEN:

**10:00AM-12:00PM
Sunday, September 19**

WHERE:

**Van Name Ave. and Netherland Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10303**

Masks, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, and Tools Provided

For more information reach out to Rebecca Del Vecchio at
delvecchior@nyassembly.gov 718-442-9932

or Lisa Thompson at lisa.thompson@rcda.nyc.gov 718-876-5734

Community service hours available for volunteers

In collaboration with:



Farewell to Jessica Spanton

As Jessica Scarcella-Spanton starts a new chapter at the MTA, I want to thank her for her service to the North Shore over the last four years as Director of Operations for Senator Diane Savino. Jessica not only showed professionalism and dedication in her role, but kindness and

respect to everyone she collaborated with making her the gold standard for constituent services. She has no doubt left an indelible impact on the North Shore and each person she has worked with in the community. I am grateful to be able to call her a friend and wish her all the best in her new role.



Updates from Albany

Governor Hochul today announced a series of universal mask requirements designed to protect New Yorkers against the highly contagious Delta variant and the recent surge in COVID-19 infections statewide.

- The requirement applies to New York State Office of Children and Family Services-licensed and -registered childcare centers, home-based group family and family childcare programs, after-school childcare programs and enrolled legally exempt group programs during operational hours.
- Implementing the mask regulation in childcare programs will provide consistency between childcare program children and school children, many of whom often share the same buildings.

New masking requirements will also apply to congregate programs and facilities licensed, registered, operated, certified or approved by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, Office of Children and Family Services and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

- This includes but is not limited to certified residential and day programs, inpatient and outpatient mental health facilities, substance abuse programs, juvenile detention programs, juvenile residential facilities, congregate foster care programs, runaway and homeless youth, domestic violence and other shelter programs.
- These requirements apply to anyone medically able to tolerate wearing a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

"The new mask requirement in child care facilities brings the state into compliance with federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance issued in July that recommends universal indoor masking for anyone age two and older who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 and is medically able to wear a mask.

We must take into consideration that most healthcare professionals and virologist have stated that children under 12 who are not eligible to be vaccinated, masks are the best way to prevent and protect against infection."

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

1. **Governor Hochul today announced the start of in-water construction of the Living Breakwaters, a \$107 million effort that will provide physical, social, and ecological resiliency for the South Shore of Staten Island.** The 2,400 linear feet of breakwaters, consisting of eight partially submerged enhanced stone and eco-concrete structures, will reduce the risks of storm waves and combat the long-term erosion of the beach along Conference House Park.
2. **Construction permit fees as high as \$1,200 to be waived for NYC homes and businesses affected by Ida.** Mayor de Blasio signed an executive order that waives permit fees related to storm-related reconstruction and improvements.
3. **Governor Hochul Announces \$6 Million for Climate Justice Fellowships Benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Priority Populations.** The state will support 150 Climate Justice Fellowship opportunities for people across the state in order to ensure an equitable clean energy transition for all New Yorkers.
4. **Governor Hochul announced a series of changes to both attract more applications and accelerate payments within New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.** Under the Governor's direction, the state will invest an additional \$1 million in marketing and outreach efforts to raise awareness about the rent relief program, the available funding, and the strong tenant eviction protections in place for those who apply. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the program, will analyze application data to target areas of the state with relatively low numbers of applications.
5. **The Mayor announced the Key to NYC vaccination mandate for indoor dining, entertainment and fitness has begun, August 17th. Enforcement will begin, with a multi-agency coalition, on September 13th.** Read the Executive Order [here](#). "New York

City has one mission: defeat the delta variant and build a recovery for all of us,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “The Key to NYC sends a powerful message that vaccination will unlock our city’s potential, and we’ll stop at nothing to save lives and keep New Yorkers safe.”

6. **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 schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.**
- **Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.**

7. **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.**

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 a 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 workshops (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. **If you're a renter having trouble paying your rent, utilities, or other housing costs – or if you're a landlord trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation – help may be available. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic. [Visit the CFPB's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to find out what this means for you and what you can do. The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.**
 3. **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/Illegal 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
- LGBTQ/HIV+

CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES



Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

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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 provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

WHAT WE DO

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Ms. M, a 68-year-old Black 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 refused to accept Ms. M's payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was 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 contacting our citywide access line at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

Citywide: Jacob Inwald
Citywide Director of Foreclosure Prevention
jinwald@lsnyc.org

Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention/Community Economic Development Unit
alorenzo@lsnyc.org

Brooklyn: Shabnam Faruki
Intern Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project
starku@lsnyc.org

Queens: Christopher Newton
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project
cnewton@lsnyc.org

Staten Island: Sara Manaugh
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project
smanaugh@lsnyc.org

CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500

4. Project Hospitality provides a wide range of services to our communities. From vaccinations to mental health guidance to help applying for rental assistance. See flyers below for more information.

Need to talk?



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID?

Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

We provide . . .

- Information
- Education
- Emotional support
- Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions to COVID
- Building coping skills for the recovery process
- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

Contact Us!
(718)608-7900
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

We are here for YOU.

Free, anonymous & confidential

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA



Necesitas hablar?



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Te sientes incierto, agobiado, ansioso durante COVID?

Aquí para hablar | Aquí para escuchar | Aquí para apoyar

Nosotros Proporcionamos...

- Información
- Educación
- Apoyo emocional
- Enlaces a recursos

Proporcionamos presentaciones virtuales sobre:

- Reconociendo las reacciones comunes de COVID
- Desarrollando habilidades de afrontamiento para el proceso de recuperación
- Manejando estrés relacionada con COVID
- Identificando y satisfaciendo las necesidades de los niños

¡Contáctanos Hoy!
718-608-7900
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

Estamos aquí para USTED.

Gratis, anónimo y confidencial

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

DO I QUALIFY?

Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

Local Community Organization Information:

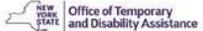


Call 929-724-5360 or email erap@projecthospitality.org for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)



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New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

El Programa de Asistencia para Alquileres de Emergencia ayuda a las familias atrasadas en el pago del alquiler que han sufrido dificultades financieras debido a la COVID-19 y están en riesgo de quedarse en la calle o de padecer inestabilidad por la falta de vivienda. Además, el programa puede proporcionar asistencia de alquiler temporal y asistencia para el pago de facturas de servicios públicos vencidas.

¿CALIFICO?

Los residentes aptos para solicitar la asistencia deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios:

- Los ingresos brutos de la familia son iguales o inferiores al 80% del ingreso promedio del área, que varía según el tamaño del condado y de la familia.
- Un miembro de la familia recibió subsidios de desempleo o experimentó una reducción en los ingresos, incurrió en costos significativos o sufrió dificultades financieras, directa o indirectamente, debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El solicitante adeuda alquileres en su residencia actual.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?

Esta asistencia puede pagar hasta 12 meses de renta vencida y, para algunas familias, pagar hasta 3 meses de alquileres futuros. El programa también puede pagar hasta 12 meses de facturas de electricidad o gas vencidas. Tenga en cuenta que los pagos siempre se emitirán directamente al propietario o al proveedor de servicios públicos.

Información de la organización comunitaria local:



Llame al 929-724-5360 o envíe un correo electrónico a erap@projecthospitality.org para recibir asistencia con la solicitud de un Enrolador de Project Hospitality.

¿CÓMO PUEDO SOLICITARLA?

Las solicitudes se pueden enviar en línea a partir del 1 de junio.

Para más información, visite otda.ny.gov/ERAP o llame al 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)



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**Project Hospitality
Help Center Services
Are All Available By Phone!**

CALL NOW AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.
REACH US AT **718-420-6466** OR **718-448-3470**
FOR HELP WITH SNAP, CALL **347-410-3657**

Apply for SNAP	Apply for WIC and Cash Assistance	Apply for Health Insurance or NYC Care
Legal Services	Domestic Violence Services	Mental Health Services
Apply for Unemployment	Food Pantry	Immigration Help

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302
514 BAY ST. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304



**Los servicios del
Centro de Ayuda están
disponibles por vía Telefónica!**

LLAME AHORA Y DEJE UN MENSAJE CON SU NOMBRE Y NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO Y LE DEVOLVEREMOS LA LLAMADA. COMUNÍQUESE CON NOSOTROS A LOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO **718-420-6466** O AL **718-448-3470**. PARA OBTENER AYUDA CON SNAP (PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA NUTRICIONAL) LLAME AL **347-410-3657**

Solicitar para SNAP (programa de asistencia nutricional)	Solicitar WIC y Asistencia en efectivo	Solicitar un Seguro Médico o NYC Care
Servicios Legales	Servicios de Violencia Doméstica	Servicios de Salud Mental
Solicitud de desempleo	Dispensa de alimentos	Ayuda en casos de Inmigración

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5. Small Business Resources:

- [For counseling and help services through SBS click here.](#)

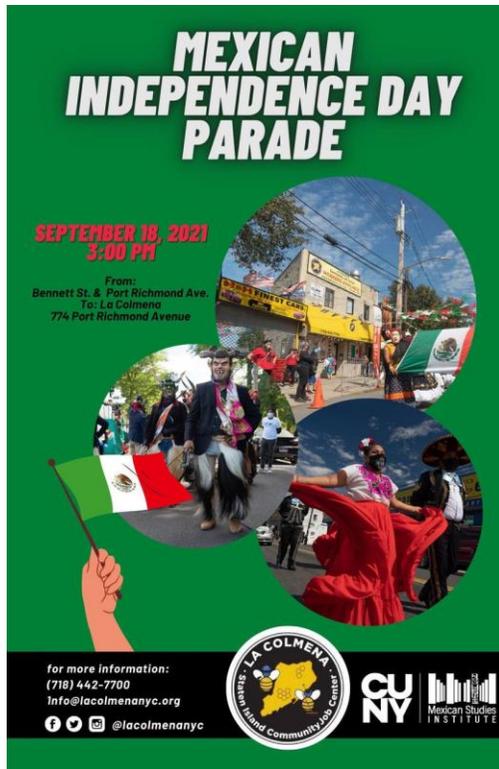
- [Procurement Center Representatives \(PCRs\)](#) help small businesses win federal contracts. PCRs view many federal acquisition and procurement strategies before they're announced. This enables them to influence opportunities that should be set aside for small businesses. PCRs also conduct market research, assist small businesses with payment issues, provide counseling on the contracting process, and more.
- [Subcontracting Program Assistance \(SPA\)](#) can help you with subcontracting questions after a contract is awarded. SPA can help you with tools to match prime contractors and subcontractors, help small businesses market their services to prime contractors, and more.
 - **SBA Learning Center.** The SBA offers free online courses to help small businesses understand government contracting. You can find these video classes in the [SBA Learning Center](#).

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. **SI Black Heritage** is once again hosting their annual "We Are Family Day". This Saturday, September 18th Tappan Park will be filled with music, food and entertainment for the whole family, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



2. **La Colmena** presents the Mexican Independence Day Parade, September 18th, at 3:00 PM.



3. **The Built Environment: Nature Inspired Community Art 2021 is coming to to Staten Island Children's Museum September 18th, 2021 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. See the flyer below for more information**



4. **Sunday, October 9th. From 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM you can enjoy a free Health and Resource Fair at Tompkinsville Park, 45 Victory Boulevard & Bay Street. For more information, please contact Patricia Walton at waltopa@metroplus.org or 718.696.0521.**



5. **Planning a music curriculum? Educators in the New York City area are invited to apply for Link Up: Carnegie Hall's interactive curriculum that introduces students in grades 3–5 to the orchestra.** This year, students explore what makes a great melody in The Orchestra Sings curriculum as they dive into works by Beethoven, Stravinsky, Reena Esmail, and more. At the end of the year, students sing and play the recorder with a professional orchestra in an inspiring culminating concert at Carnegie Hall in May 2022. **For more information about Link Up or to apply for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit [here](#) or email the Link Up team at linkup@carnegiehall.org.**
6. On September 21st, the Port Authority is working with the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce is hosting a virtual business certification webinar for **Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE)** and **Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOB)**. The webinar will walk through how a small business can get registered with the PA, the types of businesses we need, and who to connect with to get more information. See the flyer below for more information.



**You're
Invited
to Attend**

**Tuesday
9/21/21
10:00 a.m.**

The Staten Island
Chamber **125th**
1895 - 2020

**Doing Business with The Port Authority
of NY and NJ: Certification and Registration**

DATE: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Virtual

PURPOSE: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is hosting a virtual business certification webinar for Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOB) who perform the following scopes of work:

- Concrete / Asphalt / related materials
- Roadway Sweeping
- Cleaning Services
- Elevator Maintenance and Repair
- Weed Control

- Pest Control
- HVAC Systems Inspection / Maintenance / Repair
- Asphalt / Paving / Patching
- Electrical Services

RSVP link to the webinar will be emailed to you once the registration form has been received.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

If you have any questions, please email maritimcenter@panynjra.gov or visit our webpage [Maritime Center](#)

This event is being hosted by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Maritime Community Engagement Center, working with local communities to educate, empower and prepare local MWBEs and SDVOBs for opportunities within the Maritime Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Industry.

7. The YMCA is looking for counselors. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Learn more by [clicking here](#).



WORK AT THE SI COUNSELING YMCA!

Do you want to work for an organization that continuously strives to make a positive impact in New York City?

The YMCA is New York City's leading nonprofit community service and wellness organization. In all five boroughs, the Y gives all New Yorkers the access and opportunities they need to improve their health and well-being, strengthen their communities, and reach their full potential.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS
AVAILABLE IN:

- Hospitality Agent
- Counselor – Little Steps Program
- Family Counselor
- Prevention Counselor
- Nurse Practitioner/Pediatric Psychiatrist
- And more

APPLY HERE



LEARN MORE AT [YMCANYC.ORG/CAREERS](https://ymcany.org/careers)

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

the Y
YMCA OF GREATER
NEW YORK
Where there's a Y,
there's a way.

8. The Central Family Life Center is now accepting applications for their free Career Training Programs. **Call (718) 273-8414 ext.8** and see the flyer below for more information.



THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER
YOUTHBUILD

IMPACT

Now Accepting Applications for our **FREE** Career Training Programs
 Please Call (718) 273-8414 ext. 8

QUALIFICATIONS:
 17-24 years old, No HS diploma, Out of School, Not Working During the Day,
 and Live on Staten Island

Let's Get It!!

Get Paid, Get your High School Equivalency Diploma, Get Certified and Get a Job!

For more info visit us at www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact

117 WRIGHT STREET, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

The Central Family Life Center is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. YouthBuild IMPACT receives funding support from the U.S. Dept of Labor and the NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development.

9. **The Forest Ave Comeunity Fridge is a group from Mariners Harbor looking to help out our community with Food Insecurity.**

@FORESTAVECOMEUNITYFRIDGE

WHO ARE WE?

We are a collaborative group, born and raised on the North Shore, who are passionate about addressing the health food disparity in our neighborhood of Mariners Harbor. The foundation of our initiative is "take what you need, leave what you don't" and "we keep us fed and healthy!" – in hopes of **creating a culture of unity, interdependence, community restoration and empowerment** in Mariners Harbor.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

A Community Fridge is a fridge that provides **free and healthy food** for community members. The fridges offer access to fresh produce, healthy grains and perishable items to communities that do not have a lot of access to healthy food options.



HOW CAN MY BUSINESS HELP?

Your business can help by donating surplus food to our fridge or allowing us to purchase food at reduced costs.

WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

In recent political and racial events, many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to fight against racial inequity. Community fridges represent mutual aid – the idea that solidarity not charity is what communities need in order to become fairer and stronger. By donating food to our fridge, your business will be taking part in our ongoing movement for creating justice – first within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Fall". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Charles" written above a horizontal line, and "D. Fall" written below it.

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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DISTRICT OFFICE: 853 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310. 718-442-9932, FAX 718-442-9942