



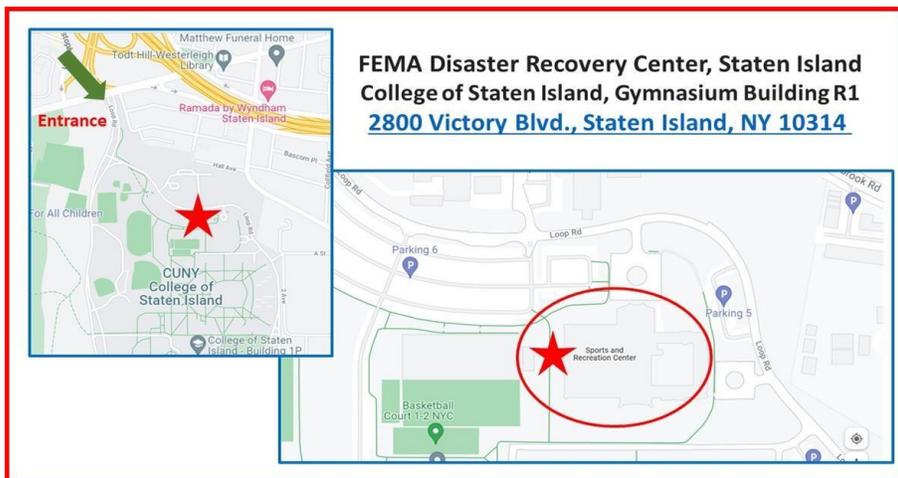
Assemblyman  
**Charles D. Fall**  
Assembly District 61

**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall  
November 4, 2021**

[If you or a loved one 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.](#)
- [Tips for Appealing Decision from FEMA](#)
- **American Red Cross in Greater New York is providing temporary shelter for those affected - 877.RED.CROSS.**
  - **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 10 AM - 7 PM Monday - Saturday and closed Sunday until further notice.**





# FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To apply and get answers to your questions, call:

## 800-621-3362

711/VRS (Video Relay Service)

**Please have the following available:**

- Your address with Zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

**Direct Deposit:** Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

**Stay in touch with FEMA:** When you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.



Online registration also available



**DisasterAssistance.gov**  
ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.



## Beware of Fraud and Scams

After a disaster, scam artists often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. We encourage survivors to watch for and report any suspicious activity.

### Ways to Report Fraud

Email: [StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov)

Call: 1-866-223-0814

Fax: 202-212-4926

For more information visit [fema.gov/disaster-fraud](http://fema.gov/disaster-fraud)



## Fraude por desastres

Después de un desastre, los estafadores frecuentemente intentan tomar ventaja de los sobrevivientes del desastre. Exhortamos a todos los sobrevivientes a mantenerse alertas y reportar cualquier actividad sospechosa.

### Maneras para reportar fraudes

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Teléfono: 1-866-223-0814

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Encuentre más información en [fema.gov/disaster-fraud](http://fema.gov/disaster-fraud)






**GOOD TO KNOW**

**Tips for Appealing a Decision from FEMA**

- You have **60 days** from the date on your FEMA determination letter to send a written appeal.
- **Read** your eligibility letter carefully. It explains what programs you may be eligible for.
- **Include supporting evidence in your appeal letter.** e.g., licensed contractor estimates, receipts for completed repairs, photos of the damaged property.
- **Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362** and speak with a specialist **before writing your letter.** If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Lines open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language.

For more information, review this press release:  
<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20211014/tips-appealing-decision-fema>





**BUENO SABERLO**

**Consejos para apelar una decisión de FEMA**

- Usted tiene **60 días** a partir de la fecha en su carta de FEMA para enviar su apelación por escrito.
- **Lea** su carta de elegibilidad cuidadosamente. Explica **por qué no calificó.**
- **Incluya evidencia de respaldo** en su carta de apelación, por ejemplo, estimaciones de contratistas con licencia, recibos de reparaciones completadas, fotos de la propiedad dañada.
- **Llame a la línea de ayuda de FEMA al 800-621-3362** y hable con un especialista **antes de escribir su carta.** Si utiliza el servicio de retransmisión de video, el servicio telefónico con subtítulos u otros, proporcione a FEMA el número de ese servicio. Las líneas abren de 8 a.m. a 7 p.m. diario. Presione 2 para español. Presione 3 para un intérprete que hable su idioma.
- Para más información, acceda a este comunicado:  
<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20211014/tips-appealing-decision-fema>




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## District 61 News

### **Turkish American Society Independence**

I was proud to honor the Turkish American Society as they celebrate 98 years of independence. They were presented with a proclamation for their tremendous work. Turkish Americans have proudly shared their culture, heritage, and contributed greatly to our community on Staten Island.



## Fast Ferry Rally

As we have seen from our newly added NYC Fast Ferry to Staten Island, the service it offers has only been met with praise. It is time we expand this service. A route from SI to South Brooklyn would not only shorten commutes but also allow people to frequent our small businesses and fully experience all that the North Shore has to offer. I look forward to working with our community and government partners to make this a reality.



## Updates from Albany

“We may know someone who has been impacted by gun violence. There is no doubt that gun violence is a menace on our communities that has claimed far too many lives.”

- To fight back, the Assembly Majority has worked to put an end to gun violence with comprehensive, commonsense measures that protect New Yorkers.
- This new legislation builds on previous laws that the Assembly Majority championed, such as allowing courts to prohibit individuals who are a threat to themselves or others from having a firearm and barring people convicted of domestic violence crimes from owning firearms (**Ch. 19 of 2019; Ch. 60 of 2018**).
- The new measures to tackle gun violence, which were recently signed into law by Gov. Hochul, ban the possession of unfinished firearm frames and receivers, ghost guns – weapons made from untraceable gun components – and firearms disguised as toys (**A. 2666-A; A.613-A; A.6522**).
- These laws target illegal activity, not responsible gun owners, and will help curb gun violence.



**Assemblyman Charles D. Fall co-sponsored family paid leave expansion legislation is signed into law.**

Governor Hochul this week signed a bill (**S.2928-A/A.6098-A**) that expands New York State's Paid Family Leave legislation to allow caring for siblings.

- Under the previous law, employees could not take leave to care for a sibling with a serious health condition.
- The expansion builds upon the Paid Family Leave legislation that was enacted in 2016, which created one of the most comprehensive paid family leave programs in the nation.

- In effect since 2018, New York's Paid Family Leave program is employee-paid insurance that provides workers with job-protected, paid time off to bond with a newly born, adopted or fostered child; care for a family member with a serious health condition (which may include severe cases of COVID-19), or assist loved ones when a member of the family is deployed abroad on active military service.
- Paid Family Leave may also be available in some situations when an employee or their minor, dependent child is under an order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.
- Eligible workers may take up to 12 weeks off at 67% of their pay (up to a cap) to care for family members in times of need.
- Previously, Paid Family Leave care covered spouses, domestic partners, children and stepchildren, parents, parents-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren with a serious health condition.
- **Through legislation (S.2928-A/A.6098-A), the definition of "family members" expands to include siblings. This includes biological siblings, adopted siblings, stepsiblings and half-siblings. These family members can live outside of New York State, and even outside of the country.**
- The bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023.



“I am certainly proud to have co-sponsored and voted for this legislation that further strengthens New York's comprehensive Paid Family Leave, that will now afford even more hard-working New Yorkers access to job-protected, paid time off so they may provide critical support to a sibling with a serious health condition.”

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

1. **Governor Kathy Hochul today New Yorkers on the state's progress combating COVID-19.** "New Yorkers have made tremendous progress in the fight against COVID, but make no mistake - our work is not done," **Governor Hochul said.** "We all remember the spike in infections last winter and it's now on all of us to ensure it doesn't happen again. As we move towards colder months and more opportunities for people to gather indoors, the vaccine has become even more important. There's no reason to wait - it's free, it's available and it's the right thing to do, so get your shot today.
2. **Governor Hochul announced that the MTA's nationally celebrated program to mentor local minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses (MWBE) has helped participating companies win a total of \$500 million in MTA contracts since the state's program was founded in 2010.** A \$2 million contract to Alliance Tri-State Construction, Inc., of Staten Island was the decisive award that put the total over the half billion mark. It is the 485th contract to be awarded to a participating business since the start of the program. MTA Chief Diversity Officer Michael Garner and his team, working closely with MTA Construction & Development and the MTA's Office of Construction Oversight, have led the Authority to an unprecedented pace of activity in recent years, with hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts awarded.
3. **Governor Hochul and Mayor Blasio announced \$27 million is available to provide relief to undocumented survivors of the storms and flooding caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. This funding will be distributed through grants to an established network of community organizations and provided to New Yorkers who are not eligible to receive storm recovery assistance through the FEMA Individual Assistance Program or other means.** When I saw the devastation of Hurricane Ida, I pledged that we would do everything in our power to help impacted communities recover, and this funding is a fulfillment of that promise," **Governor Hochul said.** "With these resources dedicated to undocumented New Yorkers who are ineligible for FEMA relief and partnerships with organizations on the ground, we can close gaps in aid and help New Yorkers in need. I urge eligible New Yorkers to apply to get the funding they need to rebuild.
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. **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.**
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### **Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs**

1. The Staten Island Business Outreach Center is hosting several events in November to help incoming business owners and entrepreneurs. [To register click here.](#)



# First Steps Towards Entrepreneurship Webinar



**November 8, 2021  
3 PM - 4 PM**

**You will learn:**

- Why would an investor be interested in your company
- What qualities are you looking for in an investor
- How much is your business currently worth
- How much are you willing to give up
- Buy/Sell agreements - what is the purpose of this

**REGISTER NOW**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_Tv0dzJJ9TPSP1835inpZRA](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_Tv0dzJJ9TPSP1835inpZRA)

**Presented By:**



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## Join Our Next FREE Webinar **MWBE Certification**

Are you a Minority or Woman Business Owner?

If you've ever thought about selling to the government, now is the time! Come learn about the resources and benefits as well as what it takes to become certified.

Beyond gaining valuable access to city contacting opportunities, certified MWBEs are provided with the tools and training to advance their potential:

- Invitations to exclusive networking events
- Free advertising in a searchable online directory
- Free one-on-one guidance on selling to the government

**November 15, 2021  
12pm**

Register Today!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/191909064177>



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This event was made possible by the New York City Council.  
For more information on SBS M/WBE program, please visit [www.nyc.gov/buycertified](http://www.nyc.gov/buycertified)



## Every Business Needs a Plan Webinar



November 17, 2021  
12 PM

You are invited to attend *Life in Business*, a complimentary workshop on business planning strategies designed specifically for entrepreneurs like you to address the sustainability of your business, your ability to retire comfortably, and the financial security of your family.

Topics covered include:

- Strategies to reward and retain top talent in your organization
- Business succession
- Maximizing after-tax income to owners and their families

Presented By:



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2. **Our children have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. Now they're back at school and being asked to return to normalcy, but this school year is anything but normal. That's why the UFT's Positive Learning Collaborative (PLC) is offering free, confidential mental health sessions to students and to parents calling on their children's behalf. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Call 212-709-3222 or Text "PLC" to 43961**
3. **COJO will be hosting a chanukah food pantry distribution extravaganza. November 18th, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Bernikow JCC, 1466 Manor Rd. See flyer for more**

details.



The poster features a central illustration of a brown paper grocery bag overflowing with fresh produce, including a loaf of challah, leafy greens, carrots, bananas, apples, and grapes. The background is a solid blue color. At the top left, there are logos for the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island and COJO Staten Island. At the top right, there are logos for the Food Pantry USA Federation, a heart logo, and a 'PH' logo. The text on the bag provides event details: 'November 18, 2-4pm', 'Bernikow JCC', '1466 Manor Road', 'Parking Lot'. Below this, it states 'Chanukah gifts will be included' and 'Medical equipment and incontinence supplies available'. At the bottom of the bag, it says 'If you are interested in medical equipment, contact Abby at 718.475.5116'. A menorah is illustrated at the bottom right of the bag, and a dreidel is at the bottom left.

**KOSHER FOOD PANTRY**

**DRIVE-THRU CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA**

November 18, 2-4pm  
Bernikow JCC  
1466 Manor Road  
Parking Lot

Chanukah gifts will be included

Medical equipment and incontinence supplies available  
If you are interested in medical equipment, contact Abby at 718.475.5116

4. [The 2021-2022 Regular HEAP Benefit opened October 1, 2021](#)

**What is HEAP?** The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. **How does it work?** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if you are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. **Are HEAP benefits available year-round?** No, the application period normally begins in early to mid-November and continues into the winter, until funding for the program runs out.

5. Free SNAP Assistance - See the flyer below



## Free SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance

### ASISTENCIA GRATUITA DE SNAP (Cupones de alimentos)

**MetroPlus Health**  
**Staten Island Community Office**  
 238A Port Richmond Ave.  
 Staten Island, NY 10302

SNAP enroller is on site **2 DAYS a week**.  
 Check below for our hours!

*Los especialistas de SNAP estan disponible los  
**2 días a la semana**. ¡Revisa a continuación  
 nuestros horarios y ubicaciones!*

Day & Time <i>Día y Hora</i>	Location <i>Ubicación</i>	SNAP Enroller <i>Especialista de SNAP</i>	How to Schedule <i>Como Programar</i>
<b>Tues, Wed</b> <i>Martes, Miercoles</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	In Office <i>En la Oficina</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Walk-in or call <i>Orden de llegada o</i> Llamar al <b>929-270-2181</b>
<b>Mon, Thurs, Fri</b> <i>Lunes, Jueves, Viernes</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	Virtual Services (Remote) <i>Servicios Virtuales (Remoto)</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Call <i>Llamar al</i> <b>929-270-2181</b>

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 SNAP - *Putting Healthy Food Within Reach*. Visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) to check your eligibility. This material was funded by  
 USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP.  
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



You can also scan to contact us from our website.

6. It's important to submit an SBA Loan Application - After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you are referred to SBA, you should complete and submit the application. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept the SBA disaster loan but failure to submit the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items and other expenses. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Submitting the application makes it possible for homeowners and renters to be considered for additional FEMA grants. Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov](http://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov) or they may email [DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov) for more information on SBA's disaster assistance program. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

7. 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.

8. **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+

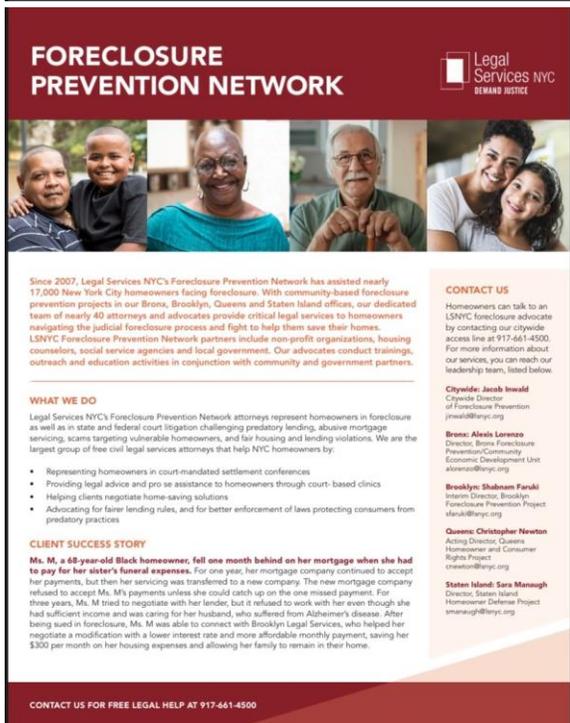
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**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK**

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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**  
Interns Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project  
shfaruki@lsnyc.org

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

**Staten Island: Sara Menaugh**  
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project  
smenaugh@lsnyc.org

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

9. 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

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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:

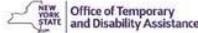


Call 929-724-5360 or email [erap@projecthospitality.org](mailto:erap@projecthospitality.org) for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://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](mailto: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](http://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**

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

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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**

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

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## 10. 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](#).
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### **Useful Events and Opportunities**

1. The Broadway Y is excited to offer a FREE lifeguard training and employment program starting in November, with pre-tests happening this Friday. This opportunity is particularly suited to high school seniors and college students who already have swimming skills. **Contact [aquatics@ymcanyc.org](mailto:aquatics@ymcanyc.org)**

# LEARN TO SAVE LIVES

**FREE YMCA LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION**  
AGES: 16 & UP

**STEP 1: REGISTER FOR THE PRE-TEST (FREE)**

**STEP 2: PASS THE PRE-TEST**  
The PRE-TEST includes successfully completing all of the following:

- Tread water for 2 minutes.
- Swim 100 yards of front crawl.
- Swim 50 yards each of breast stroke, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke.
- Complete feet-first surface dive and 15 feet underwater swim.
- Perform 60 yard sprint, then surface dive to retrieve object at the bottom of pool and hold at surface treading for 1 minute.
- Perform compressions on an adult manikin and follow directions of the instructor.

**STEP 3: UPCOMING PRE-TEST & LIFEGUARD COURSES**

**WHEN:** October 22, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM (Pre-test)  
Nov. 5 – Dec. 17 (Fridays), 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM (Course)

**WHERE:** Staten Island Broadway YMCA  
651 Broadway, Staten Island, NY 10310

**FEE:** FREE OF CHARGE

TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE, SCAN THIS QR CODE  
OR CONTACT [AQUATICS@YMCANYC.ORG](mailto:AQUATICS@YMCANYC.ORG)

2. **State parks and historic sites are staffed by a core of permanent employees who work year-round to maintain these precious resources. During the peak of our operating season (May through September) the permanent staff is supplemented by several thousand seasonal employees who work to ensure that our patrons have a positive and safe experience when visiting our sites.**
  - Be a part of the premier park system in the United States - with more than 250 state parks, historic sites, golf courses, swimming pools, beaches, campgrounds, marinas, trails, and museums and nature centers.
  - Work in some of the most beautiful, scenic, and historic places New York State has to offer.
  - Make a tangible impact on your community. Parks are for everyone, and **all are welcome here:** People of every age, ability, color, or creed belong here – without exceptions – yourself included! People of every kind come visit us in order to have *experiences* – and at OPRHP, *we get to be part* of these special times in truly meaningful ways. See how you can make a difference as a part of Team OPRHP! **To learn more about seasonal or permanent employment click here.**

3. Snow season is coming! Become a paid emergency Snow Laborer to help us clear snow from steps, streets, crosswalks and fire hydrants after winter storms. **Earn \$15/hour.** **Must make an appointment and be at least 18 years old. Click here for more details.**



4. 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](http://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 staff 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.

5. **The Bait-UL Jamaat House of Community's focus is to help the underserved families in the neighborhoods where they live - and with supporters such as yourself who help strengthen the fabric of Staten Island as a whole, they are able to accomplish this starting with our home base - Staten Island!** Your continuous contribution to the community does not go unnoticed and the organization would like to express our many thanks. This event will allow Bait-ul Jamaat to continue its mission in addition to launching our Youth Sports Program & additional signature program. **See the flyer below for more details.**

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**HOUSE OF COMMUNITY**  
BAIT-UL JAMAAT

**BAIT-UL JAMAAT - HOUSE OF COMMUNITY**

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUNDRAISER**

ESTABLISHING STRENGTH & DURABILITY  
IN COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

**TICKETS \$75**

**HTTPS://BIT.LY/3J7HCYL**

Snug Harbor Cultural Center - Building P  
1000 Richmond Terrace, SI, NY

**NOV 14TH, 2021**  
**SUNDAY, 1 PM**

**Honorees:**

- Mothers Against Senseless Killings  
Community Impact Award
- Min. Robert Perkins, Community Activist  
Community Impact Award
- Sharmila Rao Thakkar  
SI Not for Profit Association  
Leadership Impact Award
- Ashley Restaino  
Staten Island Performing Provider System  
Social Impact Award

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBI ROSE'S YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDEES:**

- Kristy Anderson - Youth Leadership
- Zaid Bronson - Youth Contributor
- Emmanuel Nasir Gay - Youth Contributor
- Langston R. Mickens Jr. - Youth Achiever

**"All proceeds will support our mission and assist with the launching of our YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM."**

Jamilah: 917-636-0346  
baituljamaat@gmail.com

f i t Visit our website for latest events  
www.baituljamaat.com

- The Daffodil Project is the largest volunteer effort in NYC history and living memorial in remembrance of the victims of 9/11, now in it's 20th year. See the flyer below for dates and more information.



It's My Park Day Gardening/Beautification/Tree Stewardship Project

Daffodil Project Planting Days

NY4P's Daffodil Project is the largest volunteer effort in NYC history and living memorial in remembrance of the victims of 9/11. Started in the spring following 9/11, the Daffodil Project is now in its 20th year.



October 17, 2021 (9 am Skyline Playground.  
11:30 am at 120th Precinct – 78 Richmond Terrace)

November 21, 2021 (9 am at Skyline Playground – 1 Clyde Place.  
11:30 am at 120<sup>th</sup> Precinct – 78 Richmond Terrace  
1pm at Lt. Lia Playground)

Tools and gloves will be provided. Community service credit is available

[\\*Please contact Heather Butts at heather.butts@health4youths.org for details](mailto:heather.butts@health4youths.org)

\*\*\*We will have a pop-up pantry during these It's My Park Day events -  
9am at Skyline Playground!

- 7. The Forest Ave. Community 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 that reads "Charles D. Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Charles" written above the last name "Fall".

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**

