



Community News

from Assemblyman

Michael Miller

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Dear Neighbors,

Glendale is a beautiful community to live in. Glendale is where I have spent most of my life. I care about this town. I've dedicated my time to ensuring that Myrtle Avenue remains clean, that the railroad does its part to keep the area around its tracks clean, and worked with organizations like the Glendale Civilian Observation Patrol to keep graffiti off our buildings.

I'd like to take the time to review some of the things we have been doing in my office to make Glendale a safe and clean environment that is suitable to raise a family, go to school, work, and live in.

If you have any questions or complaints about quality of life concerns in Glendale, please feel free to give my office a call 24 hours a day 7 days a week at 718-805-0950.

Thank you,



Graffiti Removal

Assemblyman Miller has launched several initiatives in an on-going effort to remove graffiti from our streets. The initiative started with an extensive effort to have the LIRR repaint old rail trestles that had been overwhelmed by graffiti vandalism, now this initiative also includes a reward to anyone who can help stop graffiti in its tracks.

Assemblyman Mike Miller, Senator Joseph Addabbo, and Council Member Elizabeth Crowley are offering \$500 to any residents who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person responsible for graffiti vandalism.

For more information, please contact the Assemblyman's office, or to report an incident, please call 911.

Miller Announces Glendale Zip Code Resolution

Assemblyman Miller and Congressman Bob Turner recently revealed the United States Postal Service's decision to grant Glendale a "Preferred Last Line" distinction, after numerous past attempts. The initial resolution will allow the Post Office to differentiate Glendale from Ridgewood.

On May 22nd, a request was presented to District Manager Frank Calabrese for a unique ZIP code for Glendale along with a letter of support from Glendale/Ridgewood community organizations, local businesses, and a petition from over 1,000 residents seeking this

action. They agreed to grant Glendale with a "Preferred Last Line" distinction which will provide Glendale with some long-sought sense of unique community identity.

Now a business, medical provider, or family member can write Glendale, instead of Ridgewood on an envelope or package and be assured that it will reach its destination in a timely manner.

"For many years our communities have been forced to live without a unique identity," said Assemblyman Miller. "This is a positive step in the right direction and we will continue to push for our own unique ZIP code."

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Keeping Our Streets Safe

Keeping our streets safe at night has been a priority for Assemblyman Miller since day one. Here are a few

things the Assemblyman has been doing to keep our streets safe:



Protecting Our Children from the Dangers of Sexual Predators:

Assemblyman Miller sponsored A.7950, which Governor Cuomo has signed into law. The bill will require the registration of the address of employment for level two sex offenders and update an obsolete practice for tracking all sex offenders.

When the Sex Offender Registry Act was first enacted, the subdirectory of level two and three sex offenders was printed and distributed to law enforcement agencies by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. Given the number of offenders listed on the subdirectory, it soon became impossible to create a printed subdirectory. Several years ago, the Division of Criminal Justice Services discontinued print access and directed law enforcement agencies to allow the public to view the subdirectory through the Department of Criminal Justice Services website. Assemblyman Miller's bill, now law, will update the outdated system and require level two sex offenders to provide their address of employment to the Sex Offender Registry.

Preventing Substance Abuse Crimes:

This June, Assemblyman Mike Miller and the New York State Assembly created the first real-time prescription-drug database in the country to crack down on prescription-drug abuse and strengthen regulations of certain controlled substances to curb improper use (A.10623). The legislation, known as "I-STOP," will overhaul the way prescription drugs are administered and tracked in New York State, and it has the support of the governor, the attorney general and the Senate.

Its provisions include:

- ✓ Crackdown on illegal trafficking of painkillers to help prevent untimely deaths, particularly in teenagers
- ✓ Establish a real-time controlled substance database
- ✓ Require a doctor to review a patient's controlled substance prescription history before prescribing certain medications.

Local Safety Fairs:

Assemblyman Miller has co-sponsored several Safety Awareness events, along with Senator Addabbo and Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, in Forest Park. Among the services included were free vehicle and bicycle VIN etchings, SAFE Child Cards, fire safety awareness programs, and self defense programs. These services were provided by the New York City Fire Department and the New York City Police Department. There were also representatives from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and Queens Library. "It's a great service for the community," said Assemblyman Miller. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of these events when we have them so they can do their part to prevent crime."



Assemblyman Miller seen here with Sam Sirachi of Benny and Son's Deli and Werner Lehrner of Zum Stammisch, who are participating in the "Adopt-a-Basket" program.

Adopt a Basket Program

Last year Assemblyman Miller's office launched an initiative to promote the "Adopt-A-Basket" program sponsored by DSNY. Since then, businesses along Myrtle Avenue have been signing up to help keep our streets clean.

Adopt-A-Basket is a program run by the Department of Sanitation that encourages local businesses to participate in local sanitation efforts. DSNY will provide any interested business with several green bags and the business is charged with replacing the bags as they become full. The program has helped relieve local streets from trash cans overflowing and from the cans being spilled.

If you own a business in Glendale and would like to participate in this program, please contact Assemblyman Miller's office.