



## Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

October 17, 2019

### District 61 News

#### **Grand Opening of the 4Ever Good Senior Daycare Center**

This week the Mariners Harbor community welcomed the 4ever Good Senior Center to the neighborhood. Dozens of seniors and residents gathered for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. This facility will serve seniors of diverse languages through a variety of recreational programs including karaoke and performance art along with resources to connect constituents to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. Contact (917) 642-6791 for more information on the services offered.





### **An Evening with Pro-Youth Recreation & Family Center (PYRFC)**

PYRFC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a structured environment to empower and nurture smart, healthy, self-sufficient young individuals. During the event I was able to see a few of the youth demonstrate the positive impact the center has had on them as they confidently performed a short skit for the guests in attendance. Congratulations to the leadership at PYRFC for a wonderful event and for the impactful work the organization has contributed to the West Brighton community.





### Updates from Albany

#### **The 2019 Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian (BPRHA) Caucus Fall Retreat in Albany**

The Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus is a membership of sixty-three legislators united by a common interest of empowering and revitalizing people and communities, particularly African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans.

During the retreat, my fellow Caucus members and I discussed our legislative priorities that will serve to benefit residents across New York State as well as legislative and budgetary approaches for reducing poverty.

As I anticipate entering my second term as the representative of the 61<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, it was great to exchange ideas for the new year. I look forward to using the discussions from this week and the voiced concerns of my constituents to improve the quality of life for all residents on the North Shore of Staten Island.

#### **Grant, Scholarship, and RFP Opportunities**

NYC Health + Hospitals (H+H) and the city administration announced that **NYC Care**, a health care access program committed to guaranteeing accessible and affordable health care for all New

Yorkers, will launch in Staten Island in January 2020. The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) and H+H have issued an RFP to engage community-based organizations to help community members gain access to essential health care services through NYC Care.

- **Deadline:** Nov. 8, 2019
- **Contact:** [Visit this website](#) for more information.

### **New York State Education Department (NYSED), Smart Start Computer Science Grant Program**

The purpose of this grant is to develop, implement and share innovative programs that provide professional development and support to increase expertise in computer science, engineering and/or educational technology among teachers in grades K-8.

- **Eligibility:** Public school districts and consortia of districts and BOCES are eligible.
- **Funding:** \$6 million will be allocated annually for five years.
- **Deadline:** Nov. 19, 2019
- **Contact:** Mary Ann Valikonis at 518-474-5461, [edtech@nysed.gov](mailto:edtech@nysed.gov) or [visit this website](#) for more information.

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Culture of Health Prize**

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize honors and elevates U.S. communities that are working at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity and equity for all. Through the RWJF Culture of Health Prize application process, a community comes together to tell its inspiring stories of collaboration, action and results. Communities should understand they are applying for a prize and not a grant. **The prize recognizes work that has already been accomplished, so there is no required work plan or budget.**

- **Eligibility:** A community must be a geographically defined jurisdiction in the U.S. that falls into one of the following categories: county, parish, borough, city, town, village or other municipality with a publicly elected governing body or a federally recognized tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
- **Funding:** Winners receive \$25,000 and a prize package of communications materials about their community, communications guidance and help in promoting their successes.
- **Deadline:** Nov. 4, 2019
- **Contact:** Melissa Blair at 877-843-7953, [media@rwjf.org](mailto:media@rwjf.org) or [visit this website](#) for more information

### **American Association of University Women (AAUW), American Fellowships**

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions or preparing research for publication. Applications are being accepted for American Dissertation Fellowships, American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships and American Short-Term Research Publications grants.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated based of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions or fields of research.
- **Funding:** Awards are \$20,000, \$30,000 and \$6,000, respectively.
- **Deadline:** Nov. 1, 2019
- **Contact:** [aauw@applyists.com](mailto:aauw@applyists.com) or [visit this website](#) for more information.

### **Staten Island Arts**

Staten island Arts offers grants for artists, arts and cultural organizations, and arts-in-education programs. Grant applications and deadlines are posted as they become available. Subscribe to the Staten Island Arts e-blast or check back here regularly for up-to-date information.

- **Deadline:** For 2020 grants cycle is November 3 at 11:59pm
- **Contact:** Email Staten Island Arts Grants Administrator Gena Mimoso at [gmimoso@statenilandarts.org](mailto:gmimoso@statenilandarts.org) or call (718) 447-3329 x1003 or [visit this website](#) for more information.

### **Community Resources**

**NYC Census 2020 Complete Count Fund** has extended the deadline for the New York City Complete Count Fund Request for Proposals till **Wednesday, October 23, 2019**. Please apply [here](#). All organizations that have deep connections to historically undercounted communities are encouraged to apply. City’s support will range from \$25,000 to \$250,000, depending on organizational size and capacity.

**IlluminArt Productions** has established a new “Arts Empowerment’ program. This program aims to support young people who are impacted by a caregiver's substance use with a safe and creative space to express themselves. This free program is available to K-12 youth. For more information contact the program manager Keith Taylor at [Keith.illuminart@gmail.com](mailto:Keith.illuminart@gmail.com) or 347-829-2703.

**Love Your Block** is an initiative of NYC Service and the Citizens Committee for New York City that provides a unique opportunity for neighborhood groups to transform and improve their communities through local action while leveraging City services.

- Resident-led volunteer groups are eligible for \$1,000 grants to help improve their block. In addition to the grant and City services, groups receive project planning and community building assistance as well as support with local media coverage for the project.
- Applications are accepted from volunteer-led groups based primarily in low-income neighborhoods in all five boroughs of New York City.

- **Apply here by: November 15.** Contact Di at [DCui@citizensnyc.org](mailto:DCui@citizensnyc.org) or call 212-822-9563 for more information

**The City Parks Foundation** is offering funding via a **Capacity Fund Grant** for park group's with ideas and efforts to improve NYC Parks. If you are an active community park group supporting an NYC Parks property in any of New York City's five boroughs, you may be eligible to apply for a small grant of up to \$3,000 for park projects including events, tools, websites, and outreach materials.

- **Apply here by: November 15, 2019**

### Community Events

- **MTA-New York City Transit** is seeking public input and comments on the following its proposed Bus Rapid Transit project. An environmental impact study (EIS) project scoping meeting will be held **today, Thursday, October 17, 6-8:30 pm at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center in the Lower Great Hall**. This is an opportunity to voice your comments and concerns on the proposed BRT project. You can [learn more about the project here](#) and also submit comments [here on the project website feedback form till November 18, 2019](#).
- The City Parks Foundation hosts **Senior Fitness trainings** throughout the fall. Come out and get active in your neighborhood park! New Yorkers 60+ to participate in free tennis lessons, yoga and fitness walking in 16 neighborhood parks across the city. Activities take place twice a week for a six week period (**September 16 - October 25**) and all equipment is provided. [Register the senior in your life today!](#)  
**The programs on Staten Island include:**
  - Yoga at Faber Park on Tuesday and Thursday at 11am
  - Tennis at Greenbelt Park on Monday and Friday at 12pm
  - Contact [sports@cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:sports@cityparksfoundation.org) or call [\(718\) 760-6999](tel:(718)760-6999) for more information
- **Join me, The Friends of Mariners Harbor and the New York Center for Interpersonal Development** at a Voting Expo on **Saturday, October 26 from 11am – 1pm at Port Richmond High School**. There will be opportunities to register to vote, explore civic engagement opportunities and participate in early voting. This interactive event will cover the basics while connecting new and seasoned voters to government resources. Free food will be available!



- The Central Family Life Center will host a **Small Business Expo on Saturday, October 26 from noon - 4pm**. A variety of vendors, workshops and resources will be available to help with your unique business needs. Email [Sylvia.byrd@ymail.com](mailto:Sylvia.byrd@ymail.com) for more information.
- Enjoy a **Halloween Festival** at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on **Sunday, October 27 from 11am – 3pm**. It'll be a fun family filled day with a pumpkin patch, live music & food trucks. All ages are welcome to attend.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Fall  
Member of Assembly