

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

February 21, 2020

Updates from Albany

New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus Conference

Staten Island was well represented at the 49th New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Legislative Conference! As the first representative from Staten Island to join the NYS BPHA Legislative Caucus, it was truly my honor to co-sponsor the 2020 Youth Summit. I was able to host over one hundred Staten Island youth at the summit, including participants of the North Shore Youth Assembly through my joint initiative with UAU, representatives from New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID), members of the Staten Island NAACP Youth Council, La Colmena and the NYS My Brother's Keeper initiative. The goal of this year's summit was to educate our youth on important issues facing them in today's world - including the 2020 Census- and to empower them with tools and confidence to get civically engaged.

Along with the Youth Summit, it was wonderful to host Method Man and Redman for a 'Shaolin Night' concert. I want to extend a special thank you to Speaker Heastie and Caucus Chair, Assemblywoman Latrice Walker for their assistance in supporting this event. I look forward to the opportunity to host more youth and facilitate more Staten Island participation at the 50th BPHA Legislative Conference.





District 61 News

Celebrating Black History Month

Senator Diane Savino and I are hosting a Black History Month celebration, recognizing black movers and shakers in the community. Join us next Saturday, February 29 from 3-5pm at Reach Out & Touch Ministries, 51 Cottage Place. All are welcome to attend. Contact my district office at 718-442-9932 or email <u>Agosas@nyassembly.gov</u> to RSVP!



The Staten Island Hunger Task Force Legislative Breakfast

The Staten Island Hunger Task Force held its 9th Anti-Hunger legislative breakfast to bring awareness to the thousands of food-insecure families on Staten Island and growing concerns of cuts to SNAP benefits. The Staten Island Hunger Task Force advocates for the needs of food-insecure families and individuals, as well as not-for-profit emergency feeding programs to meet all hunger needs on Staten Island. We must work together to advocate for the resources needed to ensure that no Staten Island resident goes hungry while also creating easier access to healthy food options. **Click here to locate a food pantry or soup kitchen in your area.**

Representatives from the NYC Census were also in attendance to speak on the critical importance of filling out the 2020 census. The US Census has direct ties to funding opportunities for free school lunch programs, improvements to hospital resources, health care programs and much more; all of which affect our quality of life on Staten Island. Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive an invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. <u>Click here to receive census updates from the United States Census Bureau</u>.



Scholarships, Internships, and Career Opportunities

- Applications for the National Council of Negro Women- Staten Island, High School Achievers Award are open! NCNW-SI is seeking high school students, grades 9-12, with a history of community involvement and academic achievement to apply. Applications are due by March 1. <u>Click here to download an</u> application or contact Dr. Janet Leslie at 917-692-3000.
- The office of Comptroller Scott Stringer is accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Internship Program! This is a paid, 9-week program (June 8th to August 6th) and it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. <u>Interested applicants should click here to apply!</u> The application will close on March 6th.



- The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) is offering a People's Memorial College Scholarship to support first-time college students with their career path by offering a monetary incentive to cover qualified college expenses such as partial tuition, school books, school equipment, and relocation expenses. The People's Memorial College Scholarship awards two prizes of \$1,000. This scholarship application is open to members and non-members of LES People's FCU. Applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2020 at 4pm. Completed applications can also be submitted via email to aportada@lespfcu.org. Click here to download an application!
- Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union is also seeking a Media Communication and Outreach Associate. LESPFCU is a non-profit financial cooperative organized in 1986 that promotes economic justice and opportunity in NYC neighborhoods, including the North Shore of Staten Island. <u>Click here to learn</u> more about this job opportunity!



Community Resources

• The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs advises NYC residents to call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge" if you have any questions or concerns about how the 'public charge rule' may impact you. Click here to stay informed on all Public Charge updates.



• Every Saturday from 5pm to 9pm H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths hosts free soccer lessons for youth ages 8-18 years old at I.S. 49 at 101 Warren Street. Please contact Heather Butts at 347-489-3060.



- All spring, Staten Island residents can receive up to ten 40 lb. bags of free compost from the NYC Department of Sanitation Staten Island Compost Facility. Advanced registration is required. Registration links will be posted to DSNY'S 'Get Compost' page one month prior to each event. <u>Click here to register!</u>
- Apply now for the **NYPD Citizens Police Academy.** The Citizens Police Academy was established to provide members of the community with a background and understanding of NYPD policies and activities, as well as the structure and limit of police power. This is a 10-week program that runs eek, at the NYC police academy in Queens starting on March 16th. The NYPD transports candidates to and from the academy, meeting at the 121st precinct. Apply by today, February 21 by contacting Community Affairs Officers P.O. Jacobson or P.O. Sibal at (718) 697-8777.
- NYC Service is hosting its inaugural NYC Mayoral Service Recognition Awards. The Awards will honor organizations, businesses, and individuals who have dedicated themselves to service in 2019 and are creative thinkers leading their communities in strengthening NYC with people power. Nominations are accepted until February 28, in the following categories:
 - Partnership Impact Award
 - Community Impact Award
 - AmeriCorps Alum Impact Award
 - Youth Impact Award
 - Click here to learn more and submit a nomination!
- Beginning on March 1, 2020, a new bag waste reduction law will take effect in New York State. All plastic carryout bags (with limited exceptions) will be banned from distribution by anyone/business required to collect New York State sales tax. In NYC all businesses covered by the ban will be able to charge a \$0.05 fee on paper bags. I encourage shoppers to BYOBag- Bring Your Own Bag to avoid any frustrations and help the health of our communities by reducing our plastic use. With the help of NYC Sanitation, my office will provide free reusable bags that will help you avoid fees while shopping and support the effort to reduce waste!

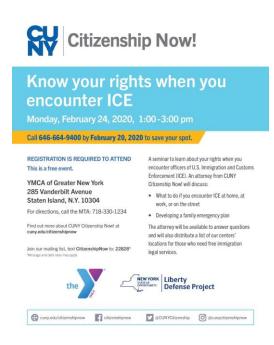
Click here to learn more about the Bag Waste Reduction Law.

Community Events

• The Staten Island NAACP Youth Council is inviting all youth to join them for their Black History Month Open Mic/Freestyle Lyrical Slam on Saturday, February 22 from 3pm to 6pm at 208 Bay Street. Join them in celebrating 111 years of the NAACP!



• CUNY Citizenship Now is hosting a free 'Know Your Rights When You Encounter ICE' event on Monday, February 24 from 1pm- 3pm at the YMCA of Greater New York, 285 Vanderbilt Avenue. An attorney from CUNY Citizenship Now will be present to answer questions and provide information on where residents may find free immigration legal services. Call 646-664-9400 to save your spot, registration is required to attend.



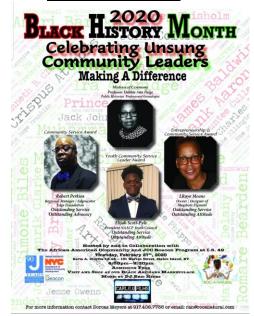
 Richmond University Medical Center will be hosting Breast Cancer Screening Day for members of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) on February 22 and February 29 from 8am to 2pm. Please call (718) 818-1161 to set up an appointment. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. No matter your family history, it is important to get screened today!



February 22 & 29 | 8am - 2pm | 1161 Victory Blvd.



• On Thursday, February 27, members of the African American community and the JCC Beacon Program at I.S. 49 will host a Black History Month Celebration for Unsung Community Service Leaders to shine a light on the work of change-makers in Staten Island. The event will take place at I.S. 49, 101 Warren Street from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. All are welcome to attend! Contact Dorcas Meyers at 917-406-7736 or email ran@rocanatural.com for more information or to learn how you can participate.



• Richmond University Medical Center will host their monthly lunch and learn event on Thursday, February 27 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at 355 Bard Avenue in the Sipp auditorium. Medical practitioners will be in

attendance to discuss advances in joint replacement. RSVP to Kadeogun@rumcsi.org or call 718-818-2040.

Lunch and Learn Current Advances in Joint Replacement	
	Featuring RUMC's New Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Mikhail Khalmov Residency at Northwell Health Plainview Hospital Fellowship Northwell Health Lenox Hill Hospital- Trained in adult reconstruction and joint replacement
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- The Staten Island Family Justice Center will offer an Overdose Prevention Training facilitated by Planned Parenthood on Friday, February 28 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at 126 Stuyvesant Place. Participants will learn how and when to administer Naloxone, an antidote that can reverse the fatal effects of an opioid overdose and potentially save a life. All participants will receive a free Naloxone kit after completing the training. Click here to register.
- On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an Active Shooter Training at the Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targee Street. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the training to begin at 7pm. The primary focus of this presentation is to teach community members how to identify potential threats and tips for improving security within a facility. The NYPD strongly encourages representatives from all houses of worship, sensitive locations and publicly accessible facilities to attend this training. For more information and to RSVP email <u>PBSI@nypd.org</u> or call (718) 667-2219.
- North Shore residents are invited to the second **Downtown Revitalization Initiative Community Open House** scheduled for Thursday, March 12 from 5pm to 7pm at 55 Richmond Terrace, in the Empire Outlets VIP Suite on level 3. Come learn about the DRI process and provide opinions on the proposed projects. Free parking is available to those who RSVP by Wednesday, March 11 at Info@jmtmedia.nyc.



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