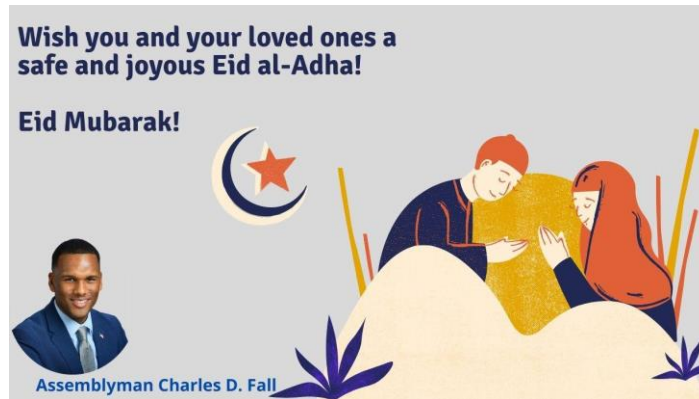




Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

August 1, 2020



Eid Mubarak to every one of Muslim faith who observed Eid al-Adha yesterday. May you and your families enjoy this holy time.

District 61 News

The African Community Alliance of Staten Island (ACASI) gathered the NYPD, medical professionals, community leaders, and elected officials- including my office- for a dialogue on improving race relations on Staten Island. Seventy community members, leaders, and representatives participated in the two-hour meeting to address topics of community policing, gun violence, accountable policing, and the importance of increasing government funding on all levels toward local community organization and youth programs that help to uplift communities in need and help deter crime. It is evident that we must deepen these conversations with diverse stakeholders and continue exchanging ideas that help us move toward a more unified, safe, and uplifting Staten Island for all residents.



Summer Mobile Office Hours

This week, my staff and I held three additional mobile offices in West Brighton, Mariners Harbor and Tompkinsville. We connected with over 200 constituents and several businesses on the North Shore to distribute face masks, hand sanitizer, and with the help of the New York Center for Interpersonal Development, dozens of people were also able to complete the 2020 Census. 41% of Staten Islanders still need to be counted! The deadline for the US Census is quickly approaching. See the flyer below to find out which neighborhoods we will visit next week.

West Brighton, July 29, 2020



Mariners Harbor, July 30, 2020



Albanian Islamic Cultural Center with the Alliance of South Asian American Labor (ASAAL), July 31, 2020



Upcoming Mobile Office





Constituent Services Coming to a
Neighborhood Near You
1:00PM - 4:00PM

West New Brighton <u>Wednesday, August 5</u> Forest Ave. and Broadway	Graniteville <u>Thursday, August 6</u> 1686 Forest Ave.
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Port Richmond
Friday, August 7
2134 Richmond Terrace

- Complete the 2020 Census
- Receive COVID-19 Updates
- Unemployment Insurance Support
- Free PPE and Hand Sanitizer and More

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

Positive Community Contributions

Mothers Against Senseless Killings or M.A.S.K., is a local group of mothers and community members, working to implement strategies to save children from street violence, by keeping youth engaged in meaningful pursuits that develop their character and self-worth. M.A.S.K. also helps to build relationships between local organizations that offer opportunities, services, and activities and the families that need them most.

M.A.S.K. members reside and spend time in the communities they serve. Their roots in these communities allow them to remain in tune with the needs of children and families they serve. During the pandemic, M.A.S.K. has held several food and resource drives to support Staten Island residents in need. They are committed to eradicating the social conditions that persistently contribute to street violence and the recent uptick in senseless gun violence further demonstrates the importance of their work. M.A.S.K. Organizations like M.A.S.K. help prevent crime and strengthen our community. Thank you to the members of M.A.S.K. for serving as a bridge between existing resources and North Shore families in need.



Updates from Albany

With last week's passage of the two bills I introduced, we are now waiting for executive action from Governor Cuomo to sign the bills into law. Furthermore, my colleagues and I were able to pass a handful of legislation that is critical for New Yorkers, including:

Bill A. 8142, The Healthy Terminals Act requires the payment of prevailing wages to cover airport workers to ensure access to better wages and benefits, including health care, and to facilitate worker retention at covered airport locations.

- Helps reduce turnover and enhance health and safety among the workers at John F. Kennedy International Airport, La Guardia International Airport, and New York Stewart Airport by requiring that such covered airport workers receive the prevailing wage.
- This requirement will provide for a stronger, more developed, and trained workforce that will help protect and secure these critical locations. These workers will receive wages and fringe benefits, including health care, based on their job classification and region.
- The Healthy Terminals Act is dedicated to the memory of Leland Jordan, a baggage handler at John F. Kennedy International Airport, who fought for eight years for better working conditions, wages, and health care for these workers. Leland tragically passed away on April 13, 2020 due to COVID-19, making the fight for affordable health care for frontline airport workers more urgent.

Bill A.10831, establishes Abolition Commemoration Day, to commemorate the Abolition Act, which passed the New York State Legislature on March 31, 1817, and abolished slavery effective July 4, 1827. Abolition Commemoration Day would be observed on the second Monday in July.

- Abolition Commemoration Day not only marks the end of slavery in New York but also honors the bravery and sacrifices of abolitionists.

Bill A.10628, recognizes Juneteenth as a public holiday in New York State.

- Juneteenth, June 19th, marks the day Union General Gordon Granger and federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, taking control of the state and enforcing the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Juneteenth commemorates Black and African American freedom and achievements while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

Bill A.10494-A, ensures that every New Yorker, including those that are uninsured, can receive a COVID-19 test.

Bill A.10500-C, provides for the confidentiality of tracing information from the identification of those who meet a person with a confirmed or probable diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bill A.10567-A, requires that COVID-19 tracers be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent possible.

- Encouraging this diversity will lead to more employment opportunities and enhance the efficiency of the contact tracing program.



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

1. **This is the final benefit week for \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments in New York.** Certification between Sunday 7/26 and Saturday 8/1 will be for the final week of FPUC. This may change if Congress takes action to extend Americans' unemployment benefits. The Department of Labor will provide updates on its [website](#) and the DOL social media.
 - **Traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are now extended for up to 59 weeks and– up from the original 26 weeks.**
 - **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits are now extended for up to 46 weeks– up from the original 39 weeks.**
 - **To learn more about Extended Benefits, visit the PEUC and EB FAQs here.**
2. **NYC public schools are anticipated to reopen on Thursday, September 10 with in-person classes available.** Mayor de Blasio and Schools Chancellor Carranza proposed health and safety protocols, including guidance for testing and tracing, for schools for the start of the 2020-21 school year. These protocols will apply to all school communities and will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - All staff members will be asked to take a COVID-19 test in the days before the first day of school. School staff will have priority access for free testing at **34 city-**

run testing locations, with tests provided with expedited results. This testing is also available for families citywide.

- If community transmission begins to rise across the boroughs, a decision may be made to close all schools and switch to full-time remote learning.
- **[Click here to review the full NYC public school test and trace plan.](#)**
- **[Join the DOE for a 'Return to School Family and Student Information Session' on Wednesday, August 12 or Thursday, August 27 from 6:30-8pm. Click here to register.](#)**

3. **Mayor De Blasio signed an executive order to support Minority and Women-owned Businesses(M/WEBs).** This will strengthen the City's utilization of M/WEBs and provide a series of new programs with the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity to connect Black and Latinx entrepreneurs to business opportunities, including government contract matching, access to pro bono business consultants and mentorship networks. The project will also provide an opportunity for non-certified businesses to learn how to do business with the City.

- The new programs will be managed by the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) in coordination with the Office of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises and community partners.

4. An update from last week's report on the re-routing of several bus routes in Stapleton: **The S52, S74, and S78 buses will return to operating along their regular routes in Stapleton beginning Monday, August 3.** MTA Police Department and MTA Bridge & Tunnel Officers will work with the NYPD to enable the safety of riders and bus operators.

5. **Starting August 3, residential streets that have multiple Alternate Side Parking days will now only be cleaned once a week.** Residents now only have to move their cars once a week. Parking meters remain in effect.

6. **Individuals traveling from states and territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 must be quarantined for 14-days from the time of the last contact within the identified state.** Below is an updated list of states flagged on the travel advisory:

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

7. **Locations to get tested for COVID-19:**

- **[Use the DOH map to find all of the State-run testing sites.](#)**

- **Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC.** New Yorkers who have symptoms or questions about Coronavirus can call to connect to a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 am - 9 pm.
- Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. [Click here to learn more](#), or call (844) 692-4692.

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. **The NYS COVID-19 Rent Relief Program** can help New Yorkers who have been affected by this public health crisis pay both back and current rent. **The program was extended and applications will now be accepted through August 6.** Please apply as soon as possible! [Click here to learn more about the program or fill out an application.](#)
2. **Community Health Action of Staten Island has released its Mobile Food Calendar for the month of August.** Review the flyer below to find a location near you to get access to healthy, nutritious food for you and your family.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION OF STATEN ISLAND
A member of Hudson River Health Care

Mobile Food Pantry August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Close Rd @ West Ave 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Grandview Ave @ Conventual Pl 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Manor Rd @ So. Canon Ave. by CVS 9:30 am - 1:00 pm West Brighton 8:00 Henderson Ave 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Elbans St @ Hylan Blvd 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Tyrone Lane @ Hylan Blvd 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Tanger St @ Subst Ct 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Midland Ave @ Flushing Ave 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm			
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3. **The Business Center for New Americans** is accepting and processing Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications from all eligible New York businesses, including small businesses, corporations, non-profits, sole proprietors, self-employed workers and professionals.
 - **The deadline to apply for PPP loans is now August 8.** Please contact Juan González, Senior, Loan Office at jgonzalez@nybcna.org or call one of BCNA's

offices - Manhattan: 212-898-4167, Queens: 347-649-1488 by August 6 to have your application processed in time.

- **[Click here to apply for the U.S. Small Business Administration PPP](#)**

4. Small Business Resources:

- Several NYC Agencies have composed an **[NYC Open Restaurants Program Checklist for Participating Establishments](#)** to help restaurants know what NYS guidelines they should adhere to. **[Click here to request a Virtual Compliance Consultation Session consultation with](#)**
- Prepare Your Business for Emergencies with NYC Small Business Services (SBS). Is your business prepared to handle gas leaks and fires, major hurricanes, flooding, and blackouts? On Thursday, August 6 from 3 pm to 4 pm, SBS is offering a webinar to help guide businesses through the start of a business continuity plan. **[Click here to learn more and register.](#)**
- **The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce** is asking for local businesses to share information on how COVID is affecting Staten Island businesses. **[Click here to take their five-minute survey.](#)**
- **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)** is providing small business relief grants to help keep small businesses functioning through this challenging period. Applications are due on Monday, August 3. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. **On Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 7 pm, Transportation Alternatives and several community organizers will host a bike ride to the Forest Avenue Comeunity Fridge in Mariners Harbor.** Following the ride, there will be a socially distant community gathering to help raise awareness about the fridge initiative. **The ride will begin at Borough Hall at 7 PM and we should arrive at the fridge by no later than 7:45.** Donations for the community fridge are encouraged.



2. **Join the City Parks Foundation on August 8th from 9am-11am for It's My Park IMP-act Day!** Community members are invited to engage in beautification projects at:

- De Matti Playground- Tompkins Avenue between Chestnut Street and Shaughnessy Lane. Sign up and complete your waiver [here](#).
- The Big Park- Grandview Avenue at Continental Place. Sign up and complete your waiver [here](#).
- Registration is required. For more information, email ItsMyPark@cityparksfoundation.org.



3. **The Seamen's Society Safe Passage Academy is hosting their Money Talks: Teens Edition.** This course is a financial workshop tailored to teens who are interested in learning about basic banking, credit, saving, and financial skills. The four workshops will be hosted on August 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at 1 pm. **For more information please contact Michelle Arias, 917-383-1003 or Maris@seamensociety.org.**



4. **The Friends of Tompkinsville Park** are seeking an artist to create and spearhead a **Participatory Art project in Tompkinsville Park themed around Peace, Justice, and Healing.** They are seeking an artist that would engage the community in the creation of an art installation in the park (for display up to 1 year). The budget for the project is \$5,000. **The deadline to submit a project proposal is Friday, August 21.** [Click here for additional details](#)

or email TompkinsvilleParkFriends@gmail.com.

5. **Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is offering part-time and full-time employment at their historic 83-acre campus. [Click here to apply.](#)**



How To Help

1. **Our Lady of Pity Parish Hall is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, August 2, 2020, from 8:15 am – 2:15 pm at 1616 Richmond Ave. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mc Corry at (516)-477-5872.**

Be a first responder.
GIVE BLOOD.

BLOOD DRIVE

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Our Lady of Pity Parish Hall
1616 Richmond Ave
8:15 am - 2:15 pm

For more information, please contact:
Jennifer Mc Corry at (516) 477-5872

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
Walk-in welcome. 15 min capacity periods.

DONOR IDENTIFICATION

Remember to eat, drink and bring your Driver ID or ID with name and photo (legible information).
<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/come-donate-blood/>

2. **Fill out your US Census today, it is quick and easy and will determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities. Go to my2020census.gov, call (844) 330-2020, or respond using the paper form sent to your home.**

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#CensusCompletedChallenge

Three Methods to Respond:

- **Online:** <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **Mail:** Mail back the paper questionnaire sent to your home.
- **Call:** 844-330-2020 to complete via phone.

Challenge 5 family members and friends!

Everyone counts, infants, the elderly and everyone in-between.

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Wishing you all health and safety,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style, with "Charles" on the top line and "Fall" on the bottom line.

Charles D. Fall

Member of Assembly

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