



**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
February 17, 2022**

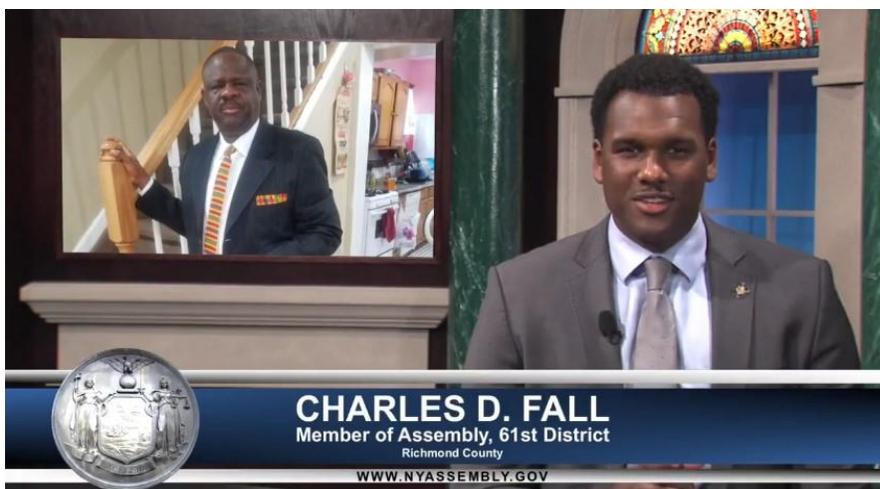
District 61 News

Stapleton Cooking Gas

I applaud Mayor Adams and NYCHA for working with my office on this quality of life issue faced by the residents at Stapleton Houses. You can be assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues to not only protect NYCHA residents but also ensure that they have adequate living arrangements. Since the summer of 2021, we have been diligently working with the city administration and the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to expedite and rectify the problem of cooking gas service interruption.

Rufus Arkoi

In honor of Black History Month this week we recognize the excellence of Mr. Rufus Arkoi. Through his organization Roza, he has dedicated nearly 30 years to our families and our communities in the form of sports, recreation, education, and advocacy. For all he has done, we thank him.



To watch my video acknowledging Mr Arkoi click [here](#).

Updates from Albany

This week Assemblyman Fall questioned MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber during the 2022 Joint Transportation Budget Hearing in Albany.

The Assemblyman centered his questions on;

- **The North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) update**

- **How will congestion pricing effect parts of the newly redistricted 61st Assembly District that now has part of lower Manhattan.**

“I will remain vigilant on making progress with the implementation of the North Shore Bus Rapid Transit on the North Shore of Staten Island that will free up congestion on our highways, bring more accessible public transportation and roadways and expedite commerce.”

[Click here to watch the exchange between AM Fall and the MTA.](#)

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

1. **Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the Environmental Facilities Corporation Board of Directors approved \$41 million in funding that includes low-cost loans and previously awarded grants, enabling the recipients to access these loan and grant funds and move their water and sewer infrastructure projects forward.** The Board also approved an \$879 million leveraged bond financing to provide capital for various wastewater and drinking water projects for the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority (NYCMWFA) and to refund certain prior bonds. Refunding bond sales deliver additional savings for EFC's municipal partners by refinancing the original bonds that funded their projects at an even lower interest rate. The transaction is estimated to save \$18 million for New York City ratepayers over the next 10 years.
 2. **Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$17.3 million in state funding was awarded to six projects in four counties that will provide emergency and permanent supportive housing to New Yorkers experiencing homelessness.** Supported through the State's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, these projects include emergency shelter repairs and developments that will create or preserve an additional 120 units serving veterans, survivors of domestic violence, individuals with a history of substance use disorder, and those suffering from serious mental illness.
 3. **Governor Hochul announced that the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement will be lifted starting Thursday, February, 10, and will remain optional for businesses, local governments and counties to enforce.** This protocol, a temporary measure implemented on December 10 as statewide cases spiked, was an effective tool to address the winter surge and the rise of the Omicron variant. With case counts plummeting and hospitalizations sharply declining, this temporary measure is no longer needed statewide. Counties, cities, and businesses will be able to opt into the mask-or-vaccine requirement if they so choose. **View Governor Hochul's Presentation [Here](#)**
 4. **Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$64 million in federal funding to help struggling New Yorkers with children, multi-generational households, and survivors of domestic violence with their expenses amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.** Administered through the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund will provide one-time payments to help with the cost of diapers for struggling families, cover food expenses for households with both children and older adults, and provide crucial housing and relocation assistance for survivors of domestic violence.
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Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. **The NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund is available now. You may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in financial assistance.**

New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund

First come, first serve
Apply Now!



You may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in financial assistance.
Visit: nyhomeownerfund.org
Call: 1-844-776-9423

Apply Now if you are:

- Behind or in forbearance on your mortgage.
- In default on a reverse mortgage.
- Behind on property taxes, water, or sewage bills
- Behind or in forbearance on your mortgage.
- Behind on monthly maintenance charges of your co-op or condo.
- Behind on your chattel loans, retail installment contracts, or other types of home purchase loans and/or lot rent.



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CHARLES FALL
61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



2. Important: The NYS Department of Labor will mail 1099-G tax forms to all Excluded Workers Fund (EWF) recipients to the address listed on their EWF application. The information from this form must be included in tax filings for the 2021 calendar year. As you may know, payments from the EWF are considered taxable income. Although payments were mailed with state taxes already taken out, they may still be subject to federal income tax. [For more information click here.](#)



3. **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 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Call 212-709-3222 or Text "PLC" to 43961**
4. **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 Dia y Hora	Location Ubicacion	SNAP Enroller Especialista de SNAP	How to Schedule Como Programar
Tues, Wed Martes, Miercoles 9:00am – 4:30pm	In Office En la Oficina	Florence Lanipekun	Walk-in or call Orden de llegada o Llamar al 929-270-2181
Mon, Thurs, Fri Lunes, Jueves, Viernes 9:00am – 4:30pm	Virtual Services (Remote) Servicios Virtuales (Remoto)	Florence Lanipekun	Call Llamar al 929-270-2181

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 SNAP... Putting Healthy Food Within Reach. Visit 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 or they may email 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 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+

CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

718-233-6480

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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Legal Services NYC

REMAIND JUSTICE

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
Interim Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project
shfaruki@lsnyc.org

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

Staten Island: Sara Manough
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project
smanough@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?



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

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

Necesitas hablar?



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

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

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.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

 Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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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.

¿CÓMO PUEDO SOLICITARLA?

Las solicitudes se pueden enviar en línea a partir del 1 de junio.

Para más información, visite otda.ny.gov/ERAP o llame al 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

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Información de la organización comunitaria local:



Llame al **929-724-5360** o envíe un correo electrónico a erap@projecthospitality.org para recibir asistencia con la solicitud de un Enroller de Project Hospitality.

Project Hospitality
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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**

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

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302
 514 BAY ST. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

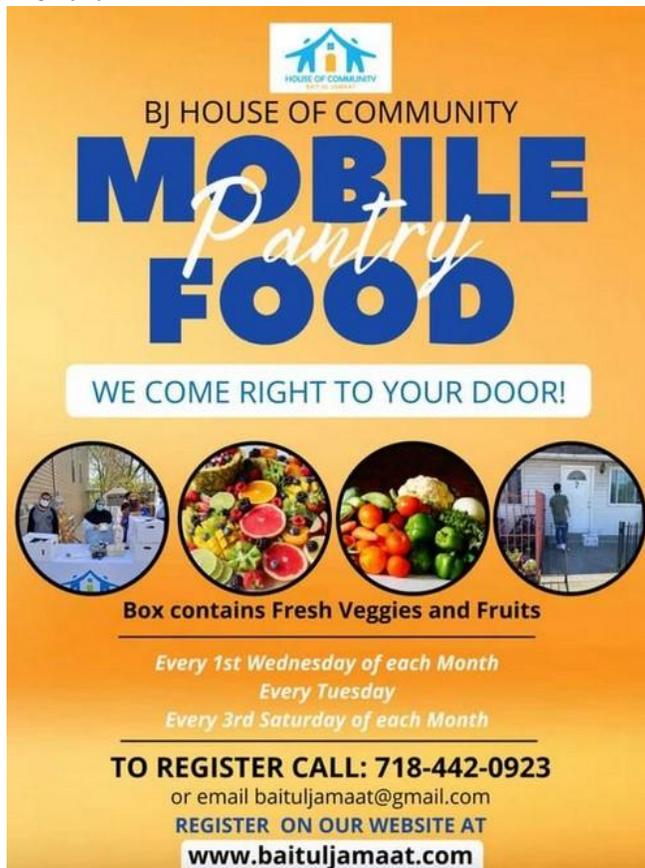
Project Hospitality
Project Hospitality
Centro de Ayuda estan
disponibles por via Telefonica!

LLAME AHORA Y DEJE UN MENSAJE CON SU NOMBRE Y NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y LE DEVOLVEREMOS LA LLAMADA. COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS A LOS NUMEROS DE TELEFONO **718-420-6466** O AL **718-448-3470** PARA OBTENER AYUDA CON SNAP (PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA NUTRICIONAL) LLAME AL **347-410-3657**

Solicitar para SNAP (programa de asistencia nutricional)	Solicitar WIC y Asistencia en efectivo	Solicitar un Seguro Medico o NYC Care
Servicios Legales	Servicios de Violencia Domestica	Servicios de Salud Mental
Solicitud de desempleo	Dispensa de alimentos	Ayuda en casos de Inmigracion

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND NY 10302
 514 BAY STREET STATEN ISLAND NY 10304

10. The BJ House Community - Mobile Pantry will come right to your door. Every first Wednesday of each month, every Tuesday, and every 3rd Saturday of each month.



BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY
MOBILE Pantry FOOD
 WE COME RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!

Box contains Fresh Veggies and Fruits

Every 1st Wednesday of each Month
Every Tuesday
Every 3rd Saturday of each Month

TO REGISTER CALL: 718-442-0923
 or email baituljamaat@gmail.com
 REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT
www.baituljamaat.com

11. This robust 6-week community training program informs New Yorkers about NYPD policies, activities, and authorities.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Apply Today!

This robust 6-week community training program informs New Yorkers about NYPD policies, activities, and authorities.

The curriculum includes:

- Speakers from across the Department
- In-person simulations and scenario-based trainings
- Presentations on subjects like domestic violence, use of force, crisis intervention, etc.

For more info:
 Email: CitizensPoliceAcademy@nypd.org
 Visit: nyc.gov/CitizensPoliceAcademy
 Scan:



NYPD

"This was an awesome experience. To get a glimpse of what officers encounter on a day-to-day basis was truly an eye opener."
 2021 CPA Graduate



12. The Y is now offering new rounds of FREE lifeguard training and certification this spring, including at the Broadway Y. Pre-tests are required for this opportunity and are currently underway, with lots of times and dates at Ys across the city. Experienced swimmers should see [here](#) for details and scheduling.

GET CERTIFIED & GET A JOB

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 LIFEGUARD COURSES

WHEN: Virtual: Mondays, 6-9PM, 2/28 - 4/25 (except 4/18)
 In Person: Fridays, 5-8PM, 3/4 - 4/29 (except 4/22)

WHERE: Broadway Y, 651 Broadway, Staten Island

FEE: FREE OF CHARGE



TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE, SCAN THIS QR CODE OR CONTACT AQUATICS@YMCANYC.ORG



YMCA OF GREATER NEW YORK
 Where there's a Y, there's a way.

13. St. Ann's Creative Learning Center has open enrollment right now. Call 718-273-5371 for more information



The flyer is framed by a border of colorful crayons. At the top center is a logo with colorful dots above the text "ST. ANN'S CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER". Below this is the tagline "Your Personal Assistant for the Growth and Development of Your Child". The main heading is "OPEN ENROLLMENT" in large blue letters, followed by "FREE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN" in yellow. A note says "Must be 3 or 4 by December 31st". Below that is "SAME DAY REGISTRATION" in green, with "Program Sponsored By NYC Department of Education" underneath. The location is "St. Ann's Creative Learning Center, 1141 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310" and hours are "Monday - Friday, 8AM - 2:45PM". A list of documents needed includes "Child's Birth Certificate", "Parent's State ID", "2 Proofs of Address", and "Child's Medical". To the right, it says "SCHOLARS HOME OF EXCELLENCE" and "Private Afterschool Vouchers Accepted". At the bottom, it says "CALL NOW SPACE IS LIMITED!" with the phone number "718.273.5371", the website "www.stannslc.com", and the code "CODE Crayon".

14. 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](#).

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. Urban Faries of S.I.C.O., Beautiful Heartbeats Inc, and Free It Forward Host their 1st Annual Community Baby Shower. February 17th, 6:00PM-8:00PM

**Urban Fairies of S.I.C.O.,
Beautiful Heartbeats Inc. & Free It
Forward Host Our
1ST Annual Community BABY
SHOWER**

SPACE IS LIMITED admittance with tickets preferred walkins accepted
but limited
masks mandatory vaccines preferred
get tickets @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ufo-sico-beautiful-heartbeats-inc-free-it-forward-community-baby-shower-tickets-240117577137>

Or scan the Barcode for tickets limited to mom and plus 1
2 ticket maximum

**2/17/22
6PM - 8PM**

@ **3Js Creations
(event space)**
2220 Forest Ave SI, NY 10303

We are looking for donations of new or like new baby, new mom items, gift cards and/or in kind donations of the following : cribs, bassinets, pack and plays, strollers, carseats, tummy time mats, teething, sippy cups, baby wash diaper creme,diapers, wipes, clothing, gear, bottles , pacifiers, unexpired formula ,food, etc. Please contact us only to table free items, donate, or collaborate

MEET OUR SPONSORS :

2. Help support your neighborhood schools - [For more information click her](#)

Interested in Subbing for the NYC DOE?




Help support your neighborhood schools!!!

- \$200 a day! (\$199.27 to be exact)
- This could be your chance to see if teaching is the career for you
- Requirements:
 - Interest and commitment to helping kids and a school
 - Bachelors Degree and authorization to work in the US

For more information: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/careers/substitute-teaching>

*Please pass this information on to anyone you know who meets the requirements and might be interested.

Lamson Lam can help answer questions and get you nominated. Please reach out him at llam@schools.nyc.gov

3. Put your swimming skill to the ultimate test. Become an NYC Lifeguard – help keep New York’s beaches and pools safe and develop skills that will last a lifetime.



Earn your whistle! Become an NYC lifeguard.

Help keep New York City's beaches and pools safe and develop skills that will last a lifetime. As a lifeguard, you'll have the chance to:

- Develop job skills
- Become part of a team
- Earn NYC Lifeguard certification and learn CPR, first-aid, and rescue techniques
- Practice your swimming

Lifeguards work five to six days each week, and first-year lifeguards earn a minimum of \$16 an hour, for a weekly salary of about \$800.

HOW TO JOIN

All potential lifeguards must pass the Lifeguard Qualifying Test, a series of vision and swim exams. To qualify, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age by the start of employment.
- Have at least 20/30 vision in one eye and 20/40 in the other - without corrective lenses. Glasses and contact lenses may not be worn during the eye exam.
- Be able to swim 60 yards in 35 seconds or less, with proper form.

Individuals must be vaccinated to take the qualifying test.

Sign up today at nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards.



4. **Is everyone ready for the next "Sip and Tea" event?. The ladies from True 2 Life have an amazing guest speaker for you and they are excited to have her come and share with. [Click here to attend.](#)**

5. **Central Family Life Center presents their 17th Annual Staten Island Black History Townhall. Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12 PM.**

6. **The Forest Ave. Comeunity 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

ALBANY OFFICE: Room 534, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248. 518-455-4677, FAX 518-455-5946

DISTRICT OFFICE: 853 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310. 718-442-9932, FAX 718-442-9942