



*Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall*

April 27, 2023

# Week In Review



Hope everyone had a great Earth Day this past week. Lets remember the importance of raising awareness for the need to protect Earths natural resources for future generations.



My staff was happy to stand loud and proud with United Federation of Teachers this week at PS 78. I remain committed to supporting our educators so our students can excel in and out of the classroom.



In times of crisis, New York always leads the country in finding solutions towards a better future. Our team was happy to be in Governors Island this week for the announcement of the New York Climate Exchange. In collaboration with Stony Brook University and the Trust for Governors Island. The exchange will advance interdisciplinary research on urban adaptation, urban environments, environmental justice, and public health while expanding educational and workforce development opportunities for all New Yorkers.



#TeamFall joined Borough President Vito Fossella and local elected officials this week to express growing public safety concerns after a man was stabbed at the Great Kills Train Station. This cannot be normalized; alleged suspects must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.



My office was happy to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Zara Restaurant right here in the 61st District. We welcome this new restaurant to our community and wish owner Ramazan Avcı & staff great success. #SupportLocalBusinesses



It was a pleasure to introduce Emma Stone to the Assembly Chambers. As someone who fought against sexual abuse towards children & minors with my first bill, I appreciate her advocacy against child harassment on her visit to the State Capitol.



While in Albany as I continue to fight and deliver for our constituents in the 61st District, my Chief of Staff was happy to provide legislative updates that impact realtors and businesses in the community at Staten Island Board of Realtor's Town Hall Meeting.





[#TeamFall](#) attended the Annual Staten Island Economic Development Corporation Business Conference where 100+ vendors along with local businesses were highlighted. Proud to continue advocating for and being a partner to these businesses that impact that Staten Island community and economy as a whole.



## Crime Prevention Division

### TIK-TOK AUTO THEFT CHALLENGE

THE TIK-TOK AUTO THEFT CHALLENGE IS A POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE TARGETING VULNERABILITIES IN KIA AND HYUNDAI VEHICLES IN WHICH THIEVES BYPASS THE IGNITION USING A USB CABLE. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT OWNERS OF THESE VEHICLES UTILIZE A STEERING WHEEL LOCKING DEVICE TO DETER THEFTS.

#### AUTO LARCENY PREVENTION TIPS

- ALWAYS TURN OFF THE IGNITION AND REMOVE YOUR KEYS.
- CLOSE ALL WINDOWS AND LOCK ALL DOORS.
- ACTIVATE YOUR VEHICLE ALARM SYSTEM.
- PARK IN HIGH TRAFFIC OR WELL-LIT AREAS WHEN POSSIBLE.
- UTILIZE A VEHICLE STEERING WHEEL LOCK.
- INSTALL A KILL SWITCH (MAY REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION).
- INSTALL A BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH (MAY REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION).

KIA AND HYUNDAI HAVE EXPRESSED THAT BOTH COMPANIES ARE LOOKING INTO UPDATING THE CURRENT VEHICLE SOFTWARE TO PREVENT THEFTS AS WELL AS OFFERING A GLASS-BREAK SECURITY KIT. ALL KIA AND HYUNDAI VEHICLES MANUFACTURED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2021 COME STANDARD WITH ANTI-THEFT IMMOBILIZERS WHICH PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED MOVING OR STARTING OF THE VEHICLE.

THE NYPD CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION OFFERS ANTI-THEFT PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PRECINCT TO ENROLL TODAY.



Be aware of the Tik Tok Auto Theft Challenge!

BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY

TAI CHI

## TAI CHI

Improve balance, strength and focus through gentle exercises. The sights and sounds of the river provide a serene background for the ancient flowing postures. An ideal choice for participants of all ages. APRIL 28 @ 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Register here: <https://bpca.ny.gov/event/tai-chi-8/2023-04-28/>



## SENIOR GROUP EXERCISE

Strengthen the whole body from warm-up to cool-down with various fun exercises. The instructor will lead you in rhythmic movement and aerobics, balance and coordination exercises, as well as strength training. Come join the group and workout to great music! No program on 5/29, 6/19, 7/3, 9/4, and 10/09. MAY 1 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Register here: <https://bpca.ny.gov/event/senior-group-exercise-10/2023-05-01/>

APRIL 24, 2023

Albany, NY

## ***Governor Hochul Announces \$15 Million in Cooling Assistance for Vulnerable New Yorkers***

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$15 million is available through the Home Energy Assistance Program to help vulnerable, low-income New Yorkers without air conditioning to stay cool during the heat of summer. Overseen by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the program can provide an air conditioner to eligible households that include someone who has a documented medical condition exacerbated by extreme heat, or households with young children, or older adults.

"The cooling assistance program is a vital lifeline for countless New York families who often face prohibitively expensive cooling costs when temperatures inevitably rise," Governor Hochul said. "As temperatures rise across the state, we are committed to ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged households have the means to stay safe, comfortable, and cool in their own homes."

To qualify for the federally funded program, applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income thresholds, which vary by household size, and include at least one member of the household that suffers from a medical condition worsened by extreme heat, or is under age 6, or over age 60. For example, a household of four can earn up to \$65,829 a year, or \$5,485 per month, and still qualify for assistance.

The program covers the cost of an air conditioning unit and installation. Up to 18,500 households are expected to be served throughout the state.

Applications for cooling assistance will be accepted starting Monday, May 1, through August 31, or until funding runs out. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents outside of New York City may apply by contacting their local departments of social services by phone or in person. New York City residents may apply in person at a local HRA Benefit Access Center, by phone, or online at [access.nyc.gov](https://access.nyc.gov).

Last year, for the first time, eligibility for cooling assistance was expanded by dropping the medical requirement and more than 23,500 households received assistance. Eligibility requirements were adjusted again this year to prioritize serving the most vulnerable households - those that include someone with a medical condition exacerbated by heat, or young children, or older adults.

More than 54,000 households throughout New York have benefited from cooling assistance over the past five years.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Daniel W. Tietz said, "Extremely hot and humid weather can put some of our most vulnerable fellow New Yorkers, including those with medical conditions, older adults, and young children, in grave danger. Anyone who may be eligible is encouraged to apply for this potentially lifesaving assistance as soon as possible."

New York State Office for the Aging Acting Director Greg Olsen said, "Extreme heat poses a major health and safety risk to older adults, especially those with chronic health conditions. Air conditioners can be a lifeline during increasingly common heat waves. I encourage all eligible older adults in need to apply for the HEAP cooling assistance

benefit to prepare for the summer months ahead. Local offices for the aging stand ready as a resource to help older adults in the application process."

Representative Paul Tonko said, "With temperatures on the rise, ensuring Americans remain safe and cool is critical. I'm proud of my work to secure these federal dollars, strengthen HEAP, and make sure families can afford their home energy bills. I encourage eligible New Yorkers to apply for this important program and stay cool this summer."

## Resources for the 61st District

Staten Island Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
Central Family Life Center & True2Life

**May Week**  
"Embracing our power and uplifting the community"  
**2023 HEALTH & SAFETY  
SPRINGTACULAR COMMUNITY FAIR**  
Saturday, May 6, 2023  
12:00pm-4:00pm  
Tappen Park  
Canal St., Water St., & Bay St.  
Rain Location - Eagle Academy 104 Gordon St. SI, NY 10304

FREE Online registration available for attendees:  
Online registration required for vendors and performers:  
FREE for Government Agencies, Non-Profit Agencies and Performers  
\$25 for profit vendors  
\$75 for Food Vendors

YOLANDA R. SCOTT, PRESIDENT  
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Co-Sponsored by SIAC's May Week, Emergency Response & Health and Wellness Committees, True 2 Life, Good Health Wins, Community Health Action of Staten Island, National Black Leadership Commission on Health, Inc., NYC Public Health Corps, The National Council of Negro Women-Staten Island, and The Eagle Academy for Young Men of Staten Island.

For more information please contact May Week Chair, Edwina Martin at [mayweek@dtsialumnae.org](mailto:mayweek@dtsialumnae.org)

SAVE THE DATE  
**PARK HILL  
RESOURCE FAIR**  
JUNE 3RD, 2023  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
BETWEEN LITTLE LIBERIA WAY & PARK HILL AVENUE

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

IOLA WASHINGTON  
FEMALE STATE COMMITTEE  
MEMBER 61 ST AD

SILCA  
ACASI  
WOMAN AND YOUNG GIRLS INC  
healthcare education project  
Healthcare • Education • Action!

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU**  
 4120

**NYPD in collaboration with  
 Urban Fairies of SICO & Central Family Life Center  
 present our  
 The Boro-Wide Community  
 Baby Shower**

Join us for fun, food, music,  
 raffles and most importantly  
 Baby essentials


**MAY 20, 2023  
 SET UP : 10:00AM  
 EVENT START: 12:00PM  
 RAFFLES: 2:30PM  
 BREAKDOWN (CLEAN UP) 3:00PM**

**59 Wright St. S.I. NY 10304**



Help us Bring much needed baby essentials to parents-to-be  
 or new parents on Staten Island  
 Please get in touch with us to table or donate  
 We are looking for donations of baby gear, necessities, gift  
 cards, new or like new clothing, coats, toys, etc. Please, no  
 used clothing, no rusty, expired strollers or furniture, and no  
 opened or soiled items

Contact Alycia via TEXT (646)568-3094 or email to table,  
 donate or sponsor at  
 a.campbell@urbanfairiesofsi.community or you can contact  
 Det. Washington 929-287-9289, email  
 FRED.WASHINGTON@nypd.org  
 or  
 Det. Woody 929-375-5916

**Participants Register here:**



NYC Education Community Baby Shower


We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## NYC Parks is hiring for the summer!

Help keep New York City's green spaces beautiful and safe! We offer a range of seasonal job opportunities, including positions in:

- Maintenance
- Security
- Recreation

Visit [nyc.gov/parks](http://nyc.gov/parks) for more information and to apply.



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Sincerely,

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 Member of Assembly

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