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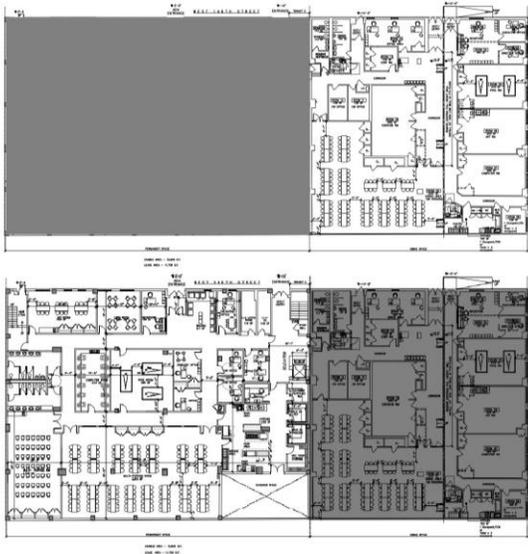
THIS MONTH IN ALBANY

A. Philip Randolph Senior Center Renovations

The A. Philip Randolph Senior Center will temporarily relocate for renovations and a redesign of its current space beginning in the spring of 2019. The Senior Center will remain on the main floor of the building, but move east, towards Lenox Avenue, into the adjacent smaller space for approximately two years during the renovation process. The ARC XVI organization is working with City Meals on Wheels to find two other vendors to provide catered meals to seniors while operating in the temporary space. The renovation of the current space is intended to modernize it and make it more accessible to visitors in order to better serve the community.

June Listening Tour at Esplanade Gardens and the Polo Grounds Recap

On June 22, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm, Assemblymember Taylor held a listening tour at Esplanade Gardens. Pictured with him are Mariella Rueda, his Chief of Staff, New York State Senator Brian Benjamin, Michelle Booker, representative from the Office of Congressman Adriano Espaillat, and Manhattan Community Board 10 Assistant District Manager, Shatic Mitchell. Also in attendance were representatives from MTA, Access-A-Ride, FDNY, the Department of the Aging, Manhattan District Attorney's Office and NYPD 32nd Precinct. On June 23, 2018 from 10am to 12pm, Assemblyman Taylor held his Polo Grounds Listening Tour. The agencies present included, Polo Grounds Management, Office of Intergovernmental Relations from the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, the Department of Sanitation, the NYC Parks Department and Police Service Area (PSA) 6. Constituents were able to voice concerns and ask questions and the Assemblymember and panel members were able to respond and address constituents' comments and issues.



Hearing for 145th Street 3-Line Station Closing



The Assemblymember held a public hearing to address the 145th Street 3-Line train station closing at nearby A. Philip Randolph Senior Center so that the

hearing was more easily accessible by community members. The station closed on July 23, 2018 and will remain closed until November 2018 for station renovations and repairs under the MTA's Enhanced Station Initiative.

**Primary Elections on September 13th, 2018 –
Don't Forget to Vote!**

Primary elections were moved to September 13th, 2018 from the 11th so that New York residents can properly honor those who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks as well as celebrate the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Please do not forget to go out and vote on **Thursday, September 13th, 2018**. Your vote counts, your opinions matter, and your voice must be heard!

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Assemblymember Taylor is looking for qualified individuals to intern at his District Office

The internship typically runs throughout the year and offers flexible hours to accommodate student schedules, but is generally during office times (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). Though unpaid, the position offers invaluable work experience and mentorship. Please consider the following applicant requirements before you apply:

Have a background in journalism, public relations, public administration or advertisement

Possess general office etiquette and strong writing skills

Be well-versed in using multiple social media platforms

Interested candidates can forward their resumes and cover letters to ruedam@nyassembly.gov for further instructions.

Fighting Against the HDFC Crisis

Assemblymember Al Taylor recognizes that there is a crisis in the Housing Development Fund Company cooperative buildings (HDFCs). The crisis developed over a number of years and is growing exponentially in the 71st Assembly District. In response to the crisis, Assemblymember Taylor decided to create a four-part forum series for constituents to voice concerns and to work with experts to develop solutions via legislation, litigation or negotiation. The first forum was already held on August 27, 2018 in the Myrna L. Daniels Auditorium at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to address concerns about HDFC foreclosure. Panelists included Edwin Vega from Legal Aid Society, Glory Kerstein from the HDFC Coalition, Shimlee Lambert, Treasurer to 936-938 Clifcrest HDFC, Yetta Kurland, Attorney for 936-938 Clifcrest HDFC. Special guests included Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, Senator Brian Benjamin, Remysell Salas from the Office of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Shatic Mitchell from Community Board 10. Assemblymember Al Taylor and Darlene Bruce, Esq. moderated the event. WeAct and Neighborhood Housing Services also were present to table and act as resources for HDFC residents. Three more meetings are scheduled at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to discuss regulatory agreements (September 24, 2018), predatory lending (October 15, 2018), and the HDFC environment and quality of life (November 5, 2018). The feedback from these forums will be taken back to the appropriate committees to help produce legislative solutions. As the Chair of the New York State Assembly Subcommittee on Regulated Mortgage Lenders, Assemblymember Taylor wants to hear from constituents to produce positive results and pledges to fight to stabilize buildings, empower the community and bring an end to the crisis facing HDFCs.



Summer Review in Pictures



1. Presenting citation to Ronnie Holloway at Harlem Summer Stage, 07/26/2018 | 2. With Former U.S. Representative Charles Rangel and Jackie Rowe Adams at National Night Out, 08/07/2018 | 3. At the Legionnaire's Press Conference at St Luke A.M.E. Church, 07/11/2018 | 4. At Argus Methadone Clinic Rally, 07/11/2018 | 5. With Det. Osvaldo Collado, Commissioner James O'Neill, and Community Board 9 at National Night Out, 08/07/2018 | 6. Community Board 10 Emergency Meeting regarding New York City Sanitation Department's removal of corner trash cans, 06/28/2018 | 7. With Community Liaison, Minah Whyte, presenting citation to former Community Board 10 District Manager, Andrew Lassalle, 06/25/2018 | 8. Celebrating Esplanade Garden's 51st Annual Family Day