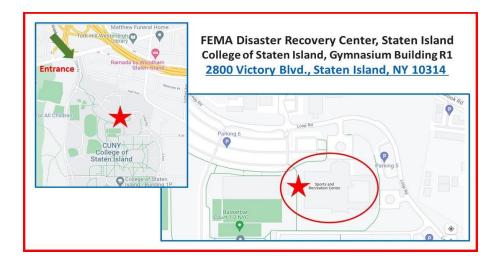


# Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall September 23, 2021

If you or a loved one has been affected by the storm click here to reach out to our office

## See more resources below:

- Click here to apply for FEMA if you have not done so already or call (800) 621 3362.
- American Red Cross in Greater New York is providing temporary shelter for those affected 877.RED.CROSS.
- College of Staten Island, Gymnasium Building R1 2800 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314 is our local Disaster Recovery Center and will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until further notice



## **Mobile Resources at Veterans Park**

Last Friday, my office partnered up with personnel from the Department of Financial Services, UAU, Metro HealthPlus, Reserve, and Health and Hospitals to provide resources and answer questions about recovery from Hurricane Ida. Community members enjoyed information and giveaways from all these organizations, and I want to thank them for their efforts.





# Community Greenway clean-up and beautification initiative

My office along with the District Attorney's office held a clean-up last weekend aimed at initiating the beautification of the greenspace on Van Name Ave. and Netherland Ave. The Department of Transportation has committed to continue the maintenance of this area and hopefully this will bring the neighborhood a green space they can be proud of.





# **Updates from Albany**

# **Updates on COVID-19 Vaccinations:**

- All individuals 12 years of age and older that reside in the United States are eligible to receive the vaccine.
- As of August 16, 2021, New Yorkers with compromised immune systems can now receive their third COVID-19 vaccine dose.
- While the vaccination process is underway, New Yorkers should continue to wear a mask where appropriate and follow all other health guidelines.
- FDA fact sheets for recipients and caregivers on each vaccine are available: <u>Pfizer-BioNTech/Cominarty</u>; <u>Moderna</u>; <u>Johnson</u> & <u>Johnson</u>.
- COVID vaccines are widely available at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and other locations across the state.
- Visit <u>Vaccines.gov</u> to find appointments near you or contact your local pharmacy or provider.
- To schedule an appointment directly at a New York State-run site, go to <u>New York</u> State's vaccine scheduler and follow the instructions.

 Walk-in appointments are also accepted at New York State mass vaccination sites for all eligible individuals.

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

- 1. Governor Kathy Hochul today directed state agencies to prepare emergency response assets as a slow-moving cold front is forecast to bring heavy rainfall to several parts of the State beginning today and continuing through Friday morning. Total rainfall amounts of up to 3 inches with locally higher amounts and some embedded thunderstorms are possible for counties in the Southern Tier, Mid-Hudson, and Capital District, as well as New York City and Long Island. Heavy rainfall may cause flooding of roads and ponding of water in low-lying areas, and some storms may contain damaging winds, which could cause downed trees and power lines.
- 2. Construction permit fees as high as \$1,200 to be waived for NYC homes and businesses affected by Ida. Mayor de Blasio signed an executive order that waives permit fees related to storm-related reconstruction and improvements.
- 3. Governor Kathy Hochul today allocated \$59 million for the new Clean Green Schools initiative, which aims to advance clean energy and energy efficiency solutions that will improve indoor air quality and reduce emissions for more than 500 public and private Pre-K-12 schools in disadvantaged communities across the state. As part of the program, the State will convene education leaders this fall, including school superintendents, administrators, and educators, to inform the initiative launching in early 2022 to address climate justice issues and create improved, healthier learning environments for students. Today's announcement supports New York's nation-leading goal of an 85 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act).
- 4. Governor Hochul announced a series of changes to both attract more applications and accelerate payments within New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance
  Program. Under the Governor's direction, the state will invest an additional \$1 million in marketing and outreach efforts to raise awareness about the rent relief program, the available funding, and the strong tenant eviction protections in place for those who apply. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the program, will analyze application data to target areas of the state with relatively low numbers of applications.
- 5. Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:
  - The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or clicking here
  - The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or clicking here
  - SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769
  - Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category. Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign

- up for an appointment. Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you, and schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.
- Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.
- 6. Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.
- View the Test-and-Trace Corps <u>COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard</u> for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
  - Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.
  - Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.
  - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM 9 PM.
  - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate themselves at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. <u>Click here to learn more</u> or call (844) 692-4692.
     Please click here if you have any further questions.

# **Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs**

1. 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. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339. Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or working capital. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 from SBA to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a sump pump, elevation, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster. Interest rates are as low as 2.855 percent for businesses, 2 percent for nonprofit

- organizations and **1.563** percent for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **November 4, 2021.** The deadline to return working capital applications is **June 6, 2022**.
- 2. SCORE Staten Island is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping both aspiring and established entrepreneurs get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through cost-free education and a confidential mentorship. The organization is Chapter 476 of the nationwide SCORE. As a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. It has both local mentors who have proved to be successful in their fields, and a network of 10,000 volunteer mentors across the country providing web-based seminars and resources. It can provide:
  - Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many different industries
  - Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email, phone, or video
  - Free business tools, templates, and tips online
  - Inexpensive or free business workshops (locally) and webinars (online 24/7)
  - For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, SCORE-Staten Island may be visited <a href="https://example.com/here
  - 3. 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.
  - 4. **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.**



5. 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.



## Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID?



Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

- Information
   Education
- Emotional support Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions on:
   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.

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# Necesitas 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:

  Reconcociendo las resciones comunes de COVID

  Desarrollando habilidades de afrontamiento para el proceso de recuperación

  Manejando estritis relacionada con COVID

  Identificando y satisfaciendo las necesidades de los niños

¡Contáctanos Hoy! 718-608-7900 HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

Estamos aqui para USTED.

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## 6. 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

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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.

- <u>Subcontracting Program Assistance (SPA)</u> 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. The Central Family Life Center presents The Women's Health Series. On Thursday, October 7th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM is their virtual event and Saturday, October 9th from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM is their Women's Health Fair. See the flyer below for more details.



2. Everyone eats and Metro Plus Health is hosting a Health Education workshop in English and Spanish from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM on October 16th at #864 Post Ave.





3. Sunday, October 9th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM you can enjoy a free Health and Resource Fair at Tompkinsville Park, 45 Victory Boulevard & Bay Street. For more information, please contact Patricia Walton at waltopa@metroplus.org or 718.696.0521.





4. In partnership with PR Strong, the NYPD, and MetroPlusHealth my office will be hosting "Trick or Treat in the Park" on October 30th. From 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM families can come out for games, candy and, resources at Veterans park located on Park Ave and Bennett Street.





- 5. Planning a music curriculum? Educators in the New York City area are invited to apply for Link Up: Carnegie Hall's interactive curriculum that introduces students in grades 3–5 to the orchestra. This year, students explore what makes a great melody in The Orchestra Sings curriculum as they dive into works by Beethoven, Stravinsky, Reena Esmail, and more. At the end of the year, students sing and play the recorder with a professional orchestra in an inspiring culminating concert at Carnegie Hall in May 2022. For more information about Link Up or to apply for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit here or email the Link Up team at linkup@carnegiehall.org.
- 6. The YMCA is looking for counselors. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Learn more by <u>clicking here</u>.



7. The Central Family Life Center is now accepting applications for their free Career Training Programs. **Call (718) 273-8414** ext.8 and see the flyer below for more information.



# THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER YOUTHBUILD

## **IMPACT**

Now Accepting Applications for our FREE Career Training Programs
Please Call (718) 273-8414 ext. 8

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

17-24 years old, No HS diploma, Out of School, Not Working During the Day, and Live on Staten Island

#### Let's Get It!!

Get Paid, Get your High School Equivalency Diploma, Get Certified and Get a Job!

For more info visit us at www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact

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8. 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,

Charles D. Fall Member of Assembly

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