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Dear Neighbor,

With each passing week, we inch closer to the expiration of the rent laws and the end of the legislative session in June. On Friday, I will attend the third and final Assembly hearing on housing to ask questions of those submitting testimony. As we move forward, I will continue working closely with my colleagues and advocates to pass the bills in the [Housing Justice For All platform](#) and the [Assembly's package of housing legislation](#) to protect tenants. I hope you will join me and get involved in this effort. Below you will find more about the opportunities we have to work together.

See you around the district,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey Epstein", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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**News From Albany**



This week the Housing Committee held its second and third hearings on rental housing and tenant protections. With the rent laws expiring in just over a month, I encourage all of you to make your voices heard and be active through this process. Please read below for how you can get involved this Tuesday!

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## Super Tenant Tuesday

The housing crisis on the East side of Manhattan is out of control. And it's not unique to our district. Too many people are facing rising rents. Too many landlords are harassing tenants. Too many people are being evicted, and sent to homeless shelters. It's not right. This year, New York has the opportunity to do something about it.

I'm a proud sponsor of all 9 bills on the Housing Justice for All platform, which would renew, strengthen, and expand tenants' rights in New York State. Last week, at the State Assembly hearing on tenants' rights, my colleagues and I held the landlord industry accountable for the damages they have brought to our neighborhoods.

But in order to win, I need you to join me in Albany. The tenant movement is why I am in office today, and the tenant movement is what can make sure that we are successful in passing the laws that our neighbors need.

I need you to come to Albany and make sure that lawmakers like me know how critical stronger rent laws are in District 74.

This Tuesday, May 14, get on the bus to Albany from any of the locations below. **Please note, the times listed below are departure times. We ask that you please arrive 15 minutes before your bus is set to leave.** [You can RSVP here.](#)

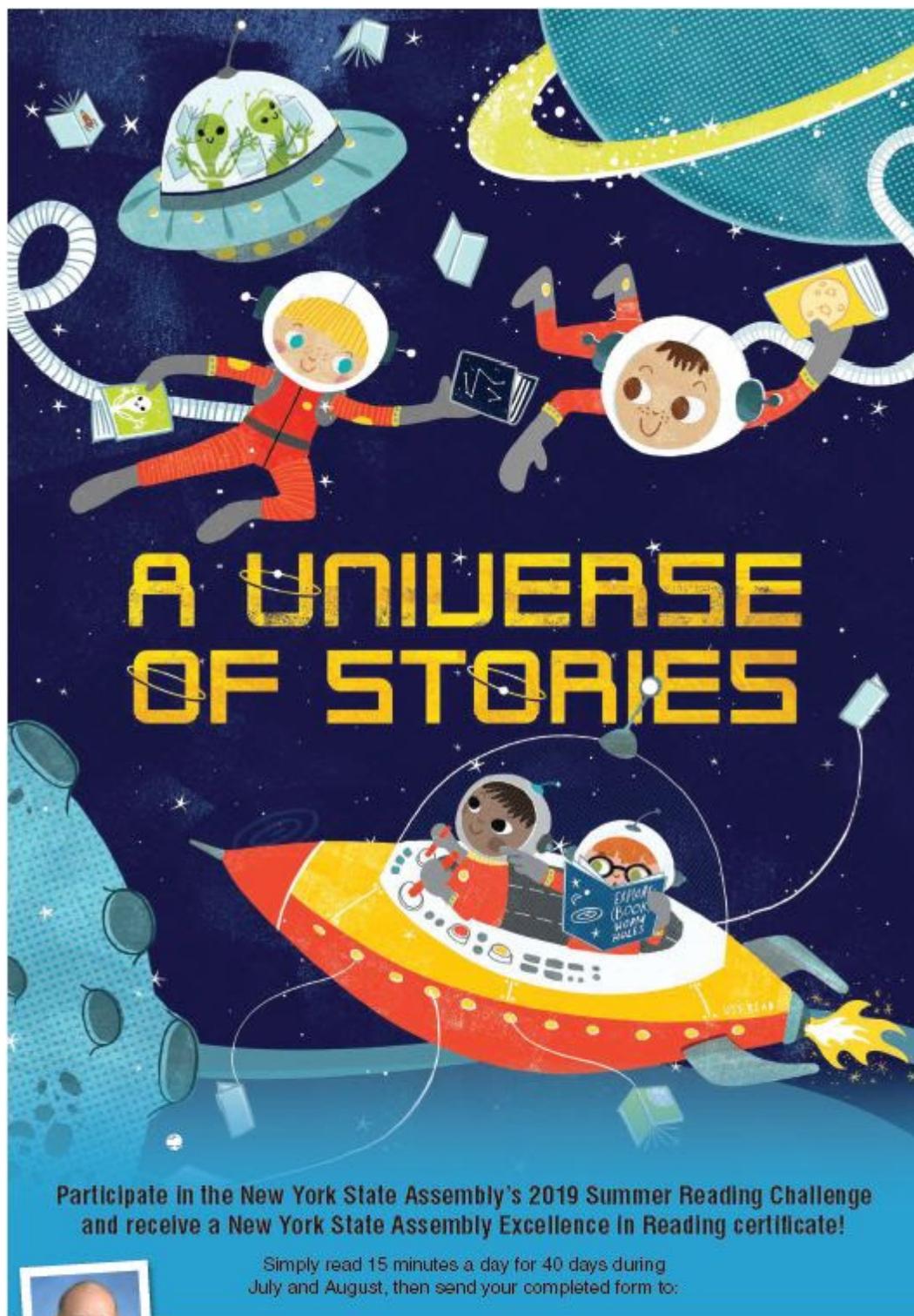
- 7:00AM Departure: [1280 Lexington Avenue](#) (between 86th and 87th Streets)
  - 6:45AM Departure: 1st Avenue and 20th Street
  - 7:00AM Departure: [145 4th Avenue](#) (on 14th Street)
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## News from the District

### *Summer Reading Challenge!*

Participate in the New York State Assembly's 2019 Summer Reading Challenge and receive a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate! Simply read 15 minutes a day for 40 days during July and August, then send your [completed form](#) to:

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Call my office or click the photo below for more details!



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**Call my office or see your teacher or librarian for more details!**



In cooperation with Summer Reading at New York Libraries  
[www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)

### *Hamilton Fish Park Library Partially Closed for HVAC Repairs*

The Hamilton Fish Park Library will offer reduced service this summer due to its aged and non-working HVAC system. The branch will close for four days, from May 17 through May 20, to reconfigure the space and install a temporary cooling system, then reopen on May 21.

Using temporary air conditioning units, the library will maintain a portion of the branch throughout the summer for patrons to pick up and return materials. Hamilton Fish Park Library will return to full service on Monday, September 23.

During this change in service, patrons will be encouraged to use two nearby branches:

- Ottendorfer Library ([135 Second Avenue, Manhattan](#))
- Mulberry Street Library ([10 Jersey Street, Manhattan](#)) Fully accessible

### *FDR Repairs Starting Next Week*

Concrete barrier repairs on the FDR between 15th and 18th Streets are slated to start Monday, May 13. Noise may be an issue for this nighttime operation.

Hours for this work will be:

- Mon. - Thurs.: 11:00 pm to 5:30 am
- Fri.: Midnight to 6:30 am
- Sat.: Midnight to 11:00 am

If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 212-979-9696

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## Upcoming Events

### *Mobile Office Hours*

Staff will be available to provide constituent services in the district on the dates below:

- **Tuesday, May 21st from 6pm-8pm** at the Community Room in [344 E 28th Street](#)
- **Wednesday, May 29th from 4pm-6pm** at Tompkins Square Library, [331 East 10th Street](#)

Please stop by to speak to my staff to voice any concerns or with any questions you may have!

### *Park Clean Up Day*

Join Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, the Friends of Bellevue South Park, Kips Bay Neighborhood Association, and KBK9 for planting, laying mulch and general park clean up. All tools and gloves are provided at Bellevue South Park, **located between E 26th and E 28th, 1st + 2nd Avenues and Carmel Place on Saturday, May 18th from 10 am to 1 pm**

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## In The News

[Landlords Grilled at Hearing on Proposed Rent Regulations](#)

[Lawsuit Threat vs. 14th St / SBS Plan](#)

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