



Information from Catherine Nolan

Helping our Community

Fall 2015

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a very busy summer and fall! I hope all children and families had a successful first day at school. I am pleased to see the great additions that have been made to our schools: P.S. 305, which includes both zoned and Pre-K seats, opened this September in Ridgewood, P.S. 343 opened in Sunnyside, P.S. 78 expanded in Long Island City and Pre-K opened in Ravenswood.

We must continue to advocate for our community schools so they can have the resources available to educate our students. My office is currently advocating for additional schools to be built in Long Island City and Woodside which will further alleviate the current overcrowding in our neighborhood schools.

As our community continues to grow, I look forward to speaking with the many community groups in our neighborhood. It is always wonderful to hear ideas and have an open dialogue with everyone. If you have a question or a problem, do not hesitate to call, drop by or send me an email. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan
Member of Assembly

Albany Update

The end of session agreement saw several issues including rent stabilization, NYC Mayoral Control and the 421-A housing policy addressed.

There are more than 1 million rent-regulated apartments in New York City, which provide affordable housing for hundreds of thousands of middle- and low-income families. The legislation passed by the Assembly will extend existing rent laws for four years, helping prevent families from being priced out of their homes.

- increasing the vacancy deregulation threshold from \$2,500 to \$2,700 and requiring that it be indexed to future increases according to the Rent Guidelines Board, the legislation ensures more housing units can remain affordable
- extending the Major Capital Improvement (MCI) repayment period to limit the financial impact of building improvements on rents
- higher civil penalties for landlords who harass tenants with the intent to force a vacancy and who violate DHCR orders

The agreement also extends Mayoral Control of New York City for one year and keeps the current system in place to provide accountability for both parents and students.

Standing with NYC Firefighters from Queens



Meeting with the Ravenswood Resident Association



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Carol Wilkins, TA President and several residents from Ravenswood.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Fun Day at the Ridgewood Library

The Ridgewood Library and the Friends of Ridgewood Library held its annual Fun Day which featured over 30 vendors, along with a live DJ, face painting, games and refreshments. Guests also got a chance to sign up for a library card and receive 10 free books.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with several parents & children of the Ridgewood Library.

Grover Cleveland High School



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Principal Denise Vittor, Grover Cleveland High School.

It is important that we continue to support community schools like Grover Cleveland High School. As Chair of the Assembly Education Committee I will continue to advocate making the necessary investments for our students.

Sunnyside Flag Day Parade



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with State Senator Michael Gianaris and members of the Sunnyside Kiwanis.

I participated in the great Sunnyside Flag Day Parade where our community comes together to celebrate the sacrifices our veterans have made for our country. As a member of the Assembly Veterans committee, I have worked on many issues including helping Veterans access their benefits including affordable housing and most importantly get the medical care they need.

LIC Spring – Vernon Blvd.

The Long Island City Partnership held its 2nd Annual LIC Spring which brings together all of the businesses, artists, community groups and residents that Long Island City has to offer.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Sheila Lewandowski, Executive Director of the Chocolate Factory; David Agliano, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's Office (with Ozzy) and Police Officers from the 108th Police Precinct.

Urban Upbound Block Party



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Dionne Jaggon, Principal, P.S. 111 and representatives from Urban Upbound.

Ridgewood/Glendale Memorial Day Parade

I marched alongside the many veterans and community leaders in the Ridgewood/Glendale Memorial Parade.



Detective Thomas Bell, Community Affairs, 104th Police Precinct, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Captain Mark Wachter, Commanding Officer, 104th Precinct and Gary Giordano, District Manager, Queens Community Board 5.

Major Improvements: New Roofs at Queensbridge Houses



State Senator Michael Gianaris, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer and Michael Kelly, General Manager of NYCHA.

I was proud to stand with Mayor Bill de Blasio and my colleagues in government to announce funding for new roofs in Queensbridge Houses. The Mayor's plan will commit \$300 million over three years to replace many of the roofs around the city.

This great investment will go a long way to improving the infrastructure at Queensbridge Houses. My grandmother moved into Queensbridge shortly after it opened in 1939. Since then, thousands of families have benefited from affordable housing.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with several residents from Queensbridge Houses.

Repairing and improving these roofs is much needed because residents of Queensbridge deserve to live in a safe, healthy environment.

Astoria Houses Family Day



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Carolyn Jasper, NYCHA Property Manager, Astoria Tenant Association President Claudia Coger, and a community member.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with representatives from Urban Upbound.



Mammography Event

I recently co-sponsored a Mobile Mammography event along with Assemblyman Mike Miller at the Ridgewood Older Adults Senior Center.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Assemblyman Mike Miller and Jackie Eradiri, Executive Director, Ridgewood Older Adult Senior Center.

Sunnyside Strawberry Fair

I stopped by the All Saints Episcopal Church Strawberry Street Fair Festival.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with residents from the community.



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Luke Adams Street Renaming

I was honored to participate in the street renaming for Luke Adams. Luke was an outstanding Sunnyside community treasure who will never be forgotten for his generosity, his laugh and his spirit. His lifetime dedication and advocacy for the Sunnyside Community is well known and it is fitting that a street in this community be renamed in his honor.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Joseph Conley, Patricia Dorfman and Santiago Vargas.

