



Information from Catherine Nolan

Helping our Community

Winter 2015

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud once again to share my latest newsletter with you. Please find the latest updates and events that I have been working on for our community. As you know, both Grover Cleveland High School and P.S. 111 were recently classified as struggling schools. Over the last several months, I have been working with the NYC Department of Education to make sure that both schools receive the support and resources they need to succeed. My office also recently co-sponsored a film screening at LaGuardia Community College that discussed the importance of public education. Thanks again to everyone for attending, and I look forward to having additional community events throughout the district.

Please read further to find out about additional events and updates including my support for Gantry State Park. In addition, my office has been advocating for several traffic calming measures at many intersections throughout our communities. If you know of an intersection that you believe needs a street light, stop sign or speed bumps, please contact my office and we will forward your concerns to the Department of Transportation.

Please know that if you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call, drop by my office or send me an email. Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy new year and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan
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Member of Assembly

Education Update



Assemblywoman with former Chief Justice Judith Kaye and several parents, students and advocates of the bill.

I was happy to join former Chief Justice of New York State Judith Kaye and coalition of national, statewide and local organizations to introduce and support A.8396, a bill that will reduce school suspension and promote a positive school climate.

This common-sense legislation is designed to reduce suspensions by cultivating an environment where teachers can teach and students can learn.

Film Screening of Education Inc.



Emie Brooks, parent and former member of CEC 30, Adriana Lynch, CEC 30, Sabina Omerhodzic, CEC 30, Maria Bautista from AQE, Dionne Jaggon, Principal, P.S. 111, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan and Louis Pavone, Principal, P.S. 78.

I recently co-sponsored along with the Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) a free film screening of the documentary Education Inc. at LaGuardia Community College.

Education Inc., which was released this year, was made by filmmaker Brian Malone and tells the story of several school boards in Colorado and their campaign to speak out on privatizing our public school system. After the film, I along with representatives from both AQE and District 30's Community Education Council (CEC) took questions from the audience.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Mayor de Blasio at LIC YMCA

I recently visited the Long Island City YMCA Pre-K program with Mayor Bill de Blasio on the first day of school.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Mayor Bill de Blasio, State Senator Michael Gianaris, Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, Ebony Conley-Young, Executive Director of the Long Island City YMCA, Deputy Mayor Richard Buery and several teachers, students and parents from the Pre-K program.

Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson at I.S. 93

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan visited I.S. 93 to greet Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7. Lt. Gen. Anderson was visiting I.S. 93 to talk to students and thank them for sending care packages for soldiers overseas. Thanks again to Principal Edward Santos for holding this wonderful event. Assemblywoman Nolan is a longstanding member of the Veterans Committee.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, State Senator Addabbo, and Edward Santos, Principal, I.S. 93.



David Agliarolo, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office, Edwin Cadiz, local artist & Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office, Dr. Sharon Cadiz, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, George Stamatiades, Marie Torniali, Executive Director, Central Astoria Local Development Corporation, Bishop Mitchell Taylor, Urban Upbound, Claudia Coger, President, Astoria Resident Association, April Simpson, President, Queensbridge Tenant Association, Carol Wilkens, President, Ravenswood Resident Association, Diane Ballek, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office and Connie Stamatiades.



Celebrating Local Artist Edwin Cadiz

I was honored along with several community and tenant leaders to celebrate the display of photographs by local artist Edwin Cadiz at Applebee's in Astoria.

At the luncheon celebration, the guests included Bishop Mitchell Taylor, Urban Upbound, George

Stamatiades, Queens Community Board 1 and the tenant association presidents Ms. April Simpson, Queensbridge Tenant Association, Ms. Carol Wilkens, Ravenswood Resident Association and Ms. Claudia Coger, Astoria Resident Association.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Terri Adams, President, Hunters Point Community Development Corporation, and Brent O'Leary, President, Hunters Point Civic Association.

Community Unity Event

I was happy to attend and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Community Unity Event at John Andrews Playground in Long Island City. The event was sponsored by the Hunters Point Community Development Corporation and supported by the Hunters Point Civic Association. Congratulations to Terri Adams on the 20th anniversary.



Ann Maggio Street Renaming

Ann Maggio was a great civic leader. Her advocacy for family, friends and neighbors left a lasting impression on our Ridgewood Community. Mrs. Maggio was my 5th grade teacher and a great mentor to me and many other women. Thank you to Councilman Antonio Reynoso and the Suydam street block association for organizing this wonderful street naming.

Rev. George Poltorak, Pastor, St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Councilman Antonio Reynoso and the family of Ann Maggio.

Zone 126 Education Summit

I recently gave welcome remarks at the first ever NYC GradNation Community Summit put together by Zone 126 and America's Promise Alliance (APA). The summit was planned to provide a forum for learning and exploring ways in meeting the needs of youth and families in NYC and across the country.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and students from the Long Island City High School Chorus.



New Playground Equipment at P.S. 78

I recently helped cut the ribbon for the new playground equipment for P.S. 78 in Long Island City. I will continue to advocate for more classroom seats.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Principal Louis Pavone, P.S. 78 and several students from the school.

Supporting our Community Schools



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with State Senator Carl Cellino, NYC Chancellor Carmen Farina, Principal Denise Vittor and several students and teachers from Grover Cleveland School.

Just recently, both Grover Cleveland High School in Ridgewood and P.S. 111 in Long Island City were classified as 'struggling' by the state. At a public hearing, I submitted testimony that called for both schools to be turned into 'community schools'.

This would allow them to qualify for extra support and wrap-around programs to help assist teachers, parents and students work together. I have the utmost respect for both Principal Vittor and Principal Jaggon and believe that given the right support and resources, both schools can succeed.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Dr. Philip Composto, Dionne Jaggon, principal, P.S. 111Q, Anju Rupchandani, Zone 126, Deria Matthews, Community School Coordinator, P.S. 111, Franz Loza, NYC DOE and parents and students from P.S. 111.



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MetroCard Van in District

Each month I sponsor an MTA MetroCard bus for our community. The bus parks near my office and provides residents with many subway and bus related services including refilling MetroCards, purchasing new metrocards and filling out applications for senior and reduced fare cards.

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Diane Ballek and David Agliarolo from her office, Robert Bynam, MTA and a Sunnyside resident.

