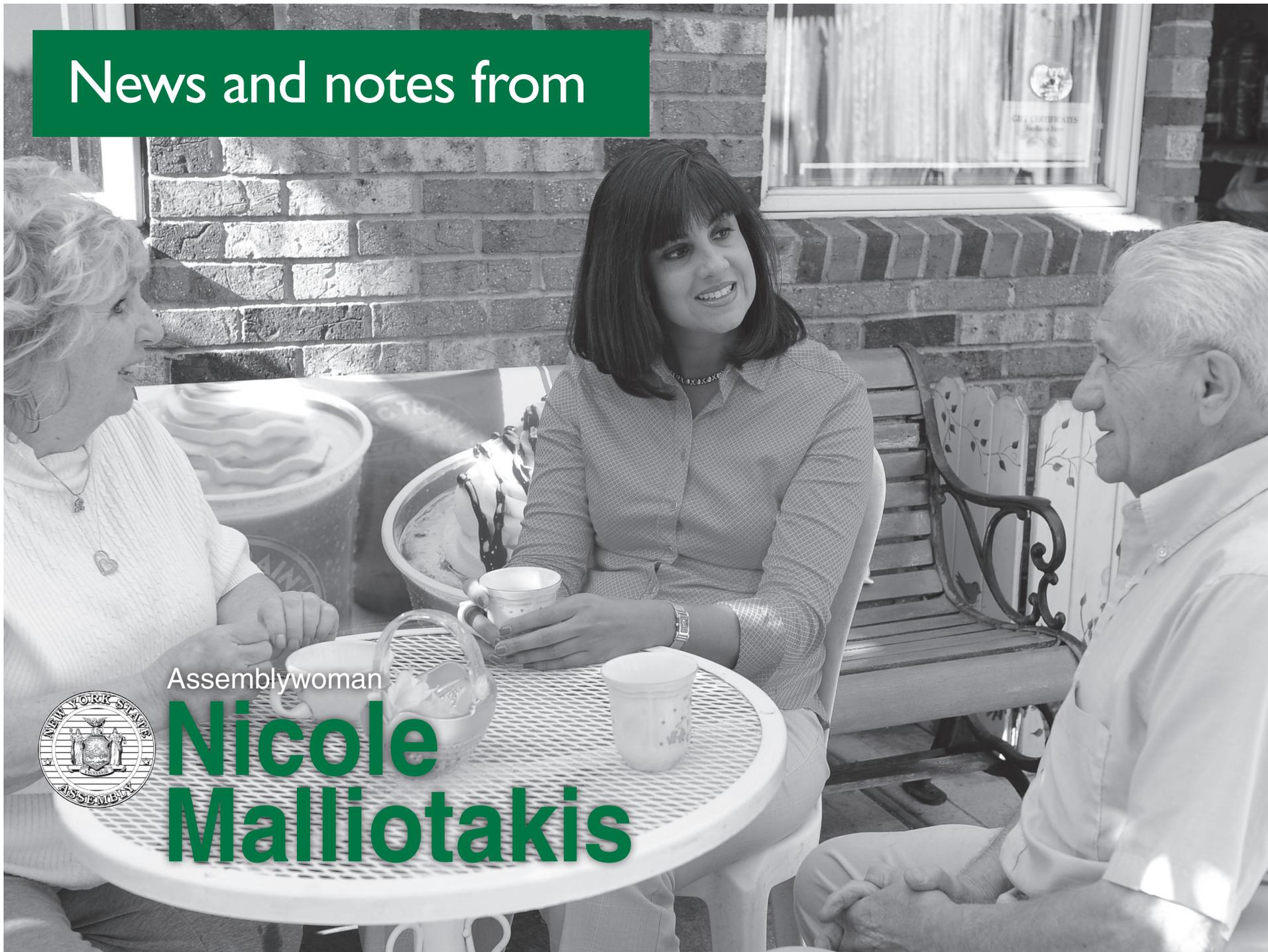


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Improving Access-a-Ride

Estimates indicate that Access-a-Ride is used roughly 680,000 times per year on Staten Island. Given the importance of this service to our community, I've been working on gathering input from friends and neighbors to make sure that the MTA is running this program in a way that meets our needs. Last year, I held a forum highlighting people's problems and concerns with the program, which helped me work with the MTA to improve service; but now I want to hear from you! Please mail back the tear-away portion of this correspondence and share your experiences with me.

Important Legislation

In 2013, the State Assembly addressed a number of important measures affecting the senior community. These actions include:

- Laws passed to help spot elder abuse and increase awareness of resources available to seniors who have been harmed;
- Legislation approved in the Assembly to increase accountability and prevent unfair practices by financial institutions;
- \$1.2 million in increased funding for the EPIC prescription drug program; and
- Legislation passed by the Assembly to control the cost of living by increasing outreach for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program.

The Battle for Mount Manresa

Staten Island simply cannot withstand overdevelopment at the Mount Manresa site. Over the past year, I've teamed up with community leaders and elected officials to fight against the sale of Mount Manresa to a wealthy development company. Many of us feel that, given the tax-free status the Jesuits have enjoyed at the property for generations, there is a moral obligation to seek a mutually-beneficial resolution to this matter. While our legal challenge has delayed the sale, the fight continues, so please feel free to contact my office for updates.

Do you have any thoughts, concerns, problems or suggestions regarding your experiences with Access-a-Ride or any other State issue? Let me know by filling out this card and mailing it to my district office!

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