



Assemblyman  
**Keith L.T.  
 Wright**  
 Reports to  
 the People

SUMMER 2012

Dear Neighbors:

For our office, summer signifies a number of things. For one, it marks the end of another legislative session. This year in Albany, the New York State Assembly passed legislation that will help all New Yorkers, Harlemites included. A number of bills that I sponsor saw passage, including one which prohibits police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling, and another that would restrict the co-location of schools. In June, Jaden's Law was passed. This legislation will expand the information and education available regarding bone marrow donation in ethnically diverse communities. Although African Americans are at the highest risk of any ethnicity to develop leukemia, they are also the least likely to find a match in the national bone marrow donor registry. Due to the genetic diversity of Africa, many New York City residents are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to finding a donor. Jaden's Law will help to change that by educating the communities affected by this disadvantage, and hopefully increasing the number of ethnically diverse donors. Another major focus of the 2012 session and one that will continue is a push to raise the minimum wage in New York State. Under the proposed legislation, the minimum hourly wage for New Yorkers would be \$8.50 and it would be indexed to inflation. With families across the state struggling during these hard economic times, this is simply a matter of economic fairness. I will continue to fight for this increase until it is changed.

Back home in Harlem, summer is a very special time. There are block parties and barbeques. Friends and family are spending their time out and about, taking advantage of all the great things that our wonderful community has to offer. Harlem is truly a summertime kind of place. Here is a list of some of the things going on in Harlem this summer. Make sure to get out, and experience all that our eclectic and neighborly community has to offer!



Assemblyman Wright debates legislation that he sponsors to raise New York State's minimum wage and index it to inflation.



Assemblymembers Guillermo Linares and Keith Wright meet with advocates in Albany.

# HARLEM SUMMER

## Harlem Week 2012:

One of the greatest celebrations of our community will begin at the end of July. Harlem Week fosters continued growth and development of one of the world's best known neighborhoods, while highlighting Harlem's assets and unique flavor. Now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year, Harlem Week continues to promote Harlem's rich African American, Hispanic, Caribbean and European history, culture, arts, religion, entertainment and sports.

## SUMMER IN THE CITY

**Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Over 60,000 attendees will enjoy an outdoor R&B, Rock and Hip Hop concert, featuring regional dance events, college step show competitions and an outdoor film festival. There will also be exhibitors and vendors with delicious foods, creative arts and crafts, clothing, and much more!

**Wednesday  
August 15<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**FRANK WESS**

Grant's Tomb  
W. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street & Riverside Dr

**Wednesday  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**JIMMY OWENS**

Grant's Tomb  
W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St & Riverside Dr.

**Wednesday  
August 29<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**BARRY HARRIS**

Grant's Tomb  
W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St & Riverside Dr

**Friday  
August 17<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**BOBBY SANABRIA**

Richard Rodgers Amphitheater  
Marcus Garvey Park  
5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 124<sup>th</sup> St

**Friday  
August 24<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**LYNETTE WASHINGTON**

Jackie Robinson Park  
Bradhurst Ave. & W 148<sup>th</sup> St.

**Friday  
August 31<sup>st</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**GERI ALLEN**

Richard Rodgers  
Amphitheater  
Marcus Garvey Park  
5<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 124<sup>th</sup> Street



*Assemblyman Wright works with students and teachers participating in the DREAM Project in the Dominican Republic.*

# ER 2012 EVENTS

## HARLEM DAY

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Harlem:** Where the world meets the world. Over 90,000 attendees will enjoy four outdoor stages of live entertainment, featuring “The International Roots of Jazz”: Reggae, Latin, Soca, Gospel, Rhythm & Blues, Hip-Hop, Rock, Blues and Calypso. There will also be exhibitors and vendors.

**Harlem Week:** The New York Family Health Walk-A-Thon for “Peace in Our Communities” takes place on **Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** The annual event through historic Harlem attracts walkers of all ages, nationalities and ethnicities.

### **Tales of Social Activism Presented in Conjunction with the Exhibition:**

**Activist New York** is taking place on **Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Museum of the City of New York and will include documents, historic artifacts, and personal items that transport us to iconic moments when grassroots movements changed the city's history and culture. But the stories of New York activism are also woven through the lives and memories of countless New Yorkers. Join us for a gathering during which we invite you to bring along a photograph, or just a story, that tells about your or your family's involvement in the democratic process of change that occurs when citizens unite for common goals.

**Sundae Sermon** is hosting a free concert from **3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** on **Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012** in Morningside Park at 114<sup>th</sup> Street and Morningside Avenue. Dj Stormin' Normin and other live performances will be present.

**For more information call 347-390-2044.**

The City College of New York has a community art gallery, named “**Windows on Amsterdam**” located in City College's North Academic Center, at Amsterdam Avenue by West 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Take advantage of this new space that showcases thematically local art from community artists! **For more information contact Dr. Myrah Brown Green at 212-650-5361.**

**Make sure to stop by one of Jazz Mobile's Summerfest 2012 events! All concerts are weather permitting and subject to change. LET'S KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING remaining events include:**

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Spotlight on Jazz Vocalists:**

A Conversation with:

**CYNTHIA HOLIDAY, LYNETTE WASHINGTON, QUEEN ESTHER**

Harlem Meers Social Hour

Dana Discovery Center in Central Park  
110<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenox & Fifth Ave.



*Assemblyman Wright and New York City Councilmember Robert Jackson march in silence to protest stop-and-frisk policies.*

# RIVERBANK STATE PARK

## Summer Calendar and Hours:

**The Athletics Complex**, which includes the indoor gymnasium, locker rooms and fitness rooms is open **Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**, and **Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**The Skating Complex** will be open for those interested in roller skating through October. **Call 212-694-3642 for more information.**

### **The Pools schedule is as follows:**

The **indoor pool** is open from **6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on weekends. The outdoor pool is open until **September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.** If you're trying to stay cool, don't forget that the Rooftop Park has a water play area with spray ground!

**The park is open 7 days a week, year round, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**Harlem SummerStage** is back for another year! Head over to the plaza outside the **Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building on 125<sup>th</sup> Street**, for a different concert **every Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m.** Join your neighbors and friends at one of Harlem's most popular summertime events!

**Free Legal Clinic:** Our office has teamed up with Mr. George Santana, Esq. to offer a free legal clinic in our office in the Harlem State Office Building. The clinic will be offered on the first Thursday of **each month from 6 to 8 p.m.** Appointments are preferred due to time constraints,

**The Carousel Schedule** is as follows:

**Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



**The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual African American Day Parade** will take place on **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. The largest Black parade in America, this unique event provides an opportunity for members of our community to join together to highlight our history and salute African people throughout America and the world for their outstanding achievements. It's a Harlem tradition!

but walk-ins are welcome. Potential topics include housing law, family law and general legal advice. George Santana is a principal at the Law Firm of George M. Santana P.C. where he provides legal representation in landlord/tenant disputes, matrimonial/family and immigration law. **Please call our office to set up an appointment at 212-866-5809.**

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