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Assemblywoman Joyner Supports Senior Community with Health Resources



Supporting our senior community, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner held health-related resource events at various senior centers in the district. With presentations ranging from nutrition to dental screenings, the Assemblywoman wants to improve the health of our community in the Bronx and push forward the #Not62 Bronx movement.

Assemblywoman Speaks to District Children about Safety and Community Issues



Joining P.S. 11 – The Highbridge School for its annual Town Hall Safety Meeting, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner spoke to families in her community to hear what concerns and issues they have when it comes to public safety in the Bronx. The elementary school’s student population and parents were on hand to ask questions and learn about the New York State Assembly.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Statement on Equal Pay:

Women earn 79 cents for every dollar that men make in our country. In New York State, women make 84% of what men earn – not including the fact that jobs traditionally held by women pay less than jobs that employ men. This double-standard in our economy – both locally and nationally – needs to stop, which is why I am happy to support legislation in the Assembly – including the New York State Fair Pay Act – that guarantees equal pay for equal work. By ensuring pay protections across the board for traditional female and minority jobs, we can help those hardworking women that struggle to make ends meet while helping to support their households and their families.

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District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM) **Where:** 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

Assemblywoman Joyner Honors the Arts at P.S. 109 Sedgwick



BRONX, N.Y. Bronx, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) joined P.S. 109 The Sedgwick School, Principal Josette Claudio and its school community as it performed Disney's The Lion King.

Assemblywoman Joyner presented certificates to all students who helped to put together P.S. 109 The Sedgwick School's 3rd Annual production of Disney's The Lion King. Community Elementary School 109, located in Morris Heights section of the Bronx, strives to continue the development of our children by affording Grades K-5 with an arts program that helps to improve literacy through communication art skills, problem-solving and cultural enrichment

“Children truly shine through the arts and the quality education offered at P.S. 109,” says Assemblywoman Joyner. “I am happy to honor all of those that helped to make this year’s production of The Lion King a success for its school community. Educational enrichment through the arts can assist our young children by helping them to develop the necessary skills to succeed later in life.”



BridgeBuilders Names New Literacy Corner after Assemblywoman Joyner



BRONX, N.Y. - Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) joined Bridge Builders Community Partnership, a community-based organization that assists families and children in the Highbridge section of the Bronx, as it launched its Family Literacy Program at the Bridge Haven Family Shelter, a Samaritan Village transitional residence is the first of three sites in Highbridge to receive a literacy corner.

BridgeBuilders named the first literacy corner after the Assemblywoman after having partnered on several literacy projects in the past year, including the Assemblywoman's Summer Reading Challenge in 2015.

Bronx Officials Hold Informational New Parent Resource Fair for Community



BRONX, N.Y. – On Saturday, April 30, **State Senator Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx, 33rd SD)**, **Assembly Member Victor M. Pichardo (D-Bronx, 86th AD)** and **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)** invited expecting mothers, new parents and legal guardians of infants in the Bronx to a **New Parents Resource Fair**, which included free services and information on health, wellness and childcare.

New parents in our community were granted access to tools that will allow them to properly care for their children and improve the overall health of their families. This included information on nutrition, prenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding, mental wellness - including maternal depression - public benefits, and the advantages of early childhood education.

The free community event included workshops and resources from partners that include the **Union Community Health Centers**, **UnitedHealth Care Community Health Plan** and **SBH Health Systems Bronx**.

In recognition of Maternal Depression Awareness Month in May, the Assemblywoman presented a resolution to Union Community Health Center **Chief Operating Officer Nancy Spellman** proclaiming May as maternal depression awareness month in New York State and raising much-needed awareness around maternal depression and its impact on new mothers in New York State.



Assembly Passes Legislation to Help Protect Crime Victims, Increase Safety for All

Bronx, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD), and her colleagues in the Assembly, helped to protect crime victims and victims of domestic violence and human trafficking through a new package of bills that strengthen laws and increase safety, as part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (Observed April 10-16).

“Being a victim of a crime can leave a mental and physical toll that may take a lifetime to recoup what was lost at no fault of their own,” said Assemblywoman Joyner. “Through this package of bills directed at crime victims, those innocent individuals that have experienced a traumatic experience can now feel safer knowing that we are working towards strengthening laws, and increasing access to critical support services that include housing, counseling, protection, job training and medical assistance.”

The Assembly's 10 bill crime victims' package combats human trafficking, supports victims of rape and sexual assault, protects the rights of victims and their families, offers assistance to crime victims and safeguards individuals that report crimes – including tenants that fear losing their home in the event that they report a crime. More information on these bills can be seen here: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/Press/20160412/>.

Previously, in October 2015, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed Assembly Bill A.6262 into law – a piece of legislation authored by Assemblywoman Joyner that improves the safety of domestic violence victims. The new law, which became effective April 1, creates a pilot program to help victims of domestic violence secure immediate protections from their abuser by allowing them to file for a temporary order of protection electronically.

Assemblywoman Joyner Passes Health Resolutions to Raise Awareness in the Bronx



BRONX, N.Y.— Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) passed resolutions in the New York State Assembly to proclaim additional awareness for asthma and maternal depression for Bronx families.

Adopted by the Assembly on April 11, the Assemblywoman passed resolution [K.1204](#), which calls upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a remedial action plan to address the high incidence of asthma in children living in the Bronx.

Bronx County has one of the highest rates of asthma in the United States and the death rate in Bronx County is nearly three times higher than the national average. For

instance, in some neighborhoods in Bronx County it is estimated that 20% of children are diagnosed with asthma.

Furthermore, passing the Assembly on April 12, the Assemblywoman's resolution [K.1215](#) asks Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2016 as Maternal Depression Awareness Month in the State of New York. Information obtained from the New York State Department of Health indicates that 10-20% of new mothers suffer from maternal depression, including periods of sadness, anxiety, fatigue and thoughts of death or suicide. Maternal depression includes all mood disorders that can affect women during pregnancy or after giving birth.

May is recognized nationally as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and Maternal Depression Awareness Month

Assemblywoman Joyner to Hold Mosque Resource Fair for Community



ASSEMBLYWOMAN
LATOYA JOYNER
Invites you



In an effort to empower ALL families in our community, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner welcomes you to join your neighbors for a resource fair, partnering with multiple community and city agencies, where they can obtain assistance with: Immigration, Housing, and Public Assistance.

FREE Housing Counseling
FREE Immigration Services
FREE Public Assistance Help

MOSQUE RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

03:00 pm – 06:00 pm

Yankasa Masjid

1707 Townsend Ave, Bronx, NY 10453

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PAN - AFRICAN CDI
Pan-African Community Development Initiative



African/Immigrant families would have an opportunity to meet with representatives from community organizations and NYC agencies, where they offer assistance with:

- Housing: Repairs, Rent Freeze, Harassment, Rent Increases
- Immigration: Health Benefits Access, Work Discrimination, IDNYC, and more;
- Public Assistance: SNAP, Citizenship Program, Afterschool Homework Help.

Resources from

- NYC Tenant Support Unit
- PAN – AFRICAN – CDI
- New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC
- Highbridge Islamic Center
- NYC Mayor's Office Of Immigrant Affairs
- Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality

For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's District Office at 718-538-2000

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN OFFERS FREE TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with **New York City's Tenant Support Unit**. Tenant Support Specialists are available **every 1ST and 3rd Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**, and can help provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Overcharges
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Possible eviction

You can make an appointment by calling Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000.

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN OFFERS FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES**

In partnership with the **Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs**, legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns **every 2nd and 4th Thursday, from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM**.

To make an appointment, please contact the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000.

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER'S MOSQUE RESOURCE FAIR**

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner welcomes all families in the District 77 community to her **Mosque Resource Fair** on Saturday, May 28 at **Yankasa Majid** (1707 Townsend Avenue, Bronx NY 10453) from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. The fair will include **FREE HOUSING COUNSELING, IMMIGRATION SERVICES** and **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HELP** from the **NYC Tenant Support Unit, PAN-African-CDI, New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC, the Highbridge Islamic Center, NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality**.

For more information, please call the Assemblywoman's Office at 718-538-2000.

- **IMMIGRATION FRAUD ROUNDTABLE: "NEW YORKERS, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!"**

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, Councilmember Vanessa L. Gibson, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and State Senator Jose M. Serrano present an Immigration Fraud Roundtable at the Latino Pastoral Action Center (14 West 170th Street, Bronx, NY 10452). Presentations by **Robert G. Lebron**, Assistant Attorney General of the Harlem/Bronx Regional Office, and information from the **Northern Manhattan Coalition of Immigration Rights**.

For more information or to RSVP, call 212-416-8754 or email Lilliam.Perez@ag.ny.gov.

- **CUNY Citizenship Now!'s FREE CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE EVENT**

Assemblywoman Joyner joins Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson, NYS Senators Gustavo Rivera and Jose M. Serrano for a **Free Citizenship Application Assistance Event** at the **Latino Pastoral Action Center** (14 West 170th Street, Bronx NY 10452) on Saturday, May 21 from 11 am-2 pm.

Call 718-330-1234 or visit cuny.edu/citizenshipnow.

- **CHAT WITH JOYNER: Meet-and-Greet with your Assemblywoman**

Assemblywoman Joyner welcomes seniors and members of her community to hear an important recap from Albany, including key points about the **New York State 2016-2017 Budget**. Also, free nutritional presentations will be offered by Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Morris Heights Health Center.

- **Friday, May 20**

from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Highbridge Gardens Senior Center
1145 University Avenue,
Bronx NY 10452

- **Friday, May 27**

from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Sedgwick Houses Senior Center
1553 University Avenue,
Bronx NY 10453

For more information, please call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000.