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**Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Immigration Resource Fair at District 9 Schools**



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosted a free Immigration Resource Fair with the school community of the Family School and the Sheridan Academy of Young Leaders. Free services included assistance from the Bronx Immigration Partnership, Bronx Legal Services, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, the NYC Commission on Human Rights and New Settlement’s Parent Action Committee (Continued on pg 4).

**Assemblywoman Joyner Meets with NYCHA Tenants**



Focused on empowering our community, Assemblywoman Joyner held informational workshops at NYCHA’s Sedgwick Houses and 1020 College Avenue (NYCHA Claremont Consolidated). The presentations included valuable information on fire and elevator safety and the importance of succession rights for all families.

**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)  
**Off-site hours:** Schedule varies. See page 5 for details.

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**LATOYA’S LINE**

**Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner’s statement on expansion of 2016 Ladders for Leaders, SYEP program:**

My first job ever was through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), and I am thankful for the experience, career guidance and workforce development skills I received because of this rewarding program. Giving more and more youth access to these programs, allowing them to grow and mature in the real world will provide them with the tools needed to succeed later in life – whether through continuing their education or in the workplace. The growth of SYEP and the Ladders for Leaders program also benefits employers by providing high-achieving high school and college students in the workplace – and my Bronx community office is one of these prime locations.

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## Assemblywoman Joyner Joins N.Y. Courts in Announcing New Program to Promote Access to Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence



BRONX, N.Y. — **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD) joined New York State Courts **Chief Judge Janet DiFiore** and **Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein** (D-Brooklyn, 41<sup>st</sup> AD) – chair of the New York State Assembly Judiciary Committee – to announce a new initiative which would allow domestic violence victims to obtain a temporary order of protection (TOP) via video-conference.

With overwhelming support from her colleagues, [Assemblywoman Joyner passed Assembly Bill A.6262 in April 2016](#). New York State Senator Catharine Young's (R-Olean, 57<sup>th</sup> SD) companion legislation is known as Senate Bill S.6. The legislation allows for victims of domestic violence to file orders of protection remotely rather than traveling to a court house. Many victims do not make this trip due to fear of retaliation from their abuser. Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the legislation into law in [October 2016](#).

“I have always felt that it is essential to end the cycle of domestic violence and open the doors of access to the legal system for New Yorkers from all walks of life,” said Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (Assembly District 77). “Since State Senator Catharine Young and I passed domestic violence legislation last year, truly meaningful progress has been made in protecting those who are seeking justice. The dedication and commitment of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore has made a genuine difference for countless families living with domestic violence.”



### JOYNER SUPPORTS PARKS

## NYC Parks: Plimpton Playground Slated for Community Parks Initiative Makeover



**Mayor Bill de Blasio** and **NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver** announced the addition of nine new parks to the portfolio of sites in line to receive full reconstruction through the Community Parks Initiative (CPI). **Plimpton Playground**, located in the heart of the 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, is one of the nine parks chosen.

Previously, after hearing from her constituents, **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** advocated for the park's re-painting. In September, **NYC Parks Borough Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa** and the Assemblywoman celebrated the re-painting of the park's

playground equipment, adjacent walls and playground sculptures with the community (see above photo).

**Assemblywoman Joyner** said: “The proposed upgrades for Plimpton Playground will enhance the park as a great escape for families living near Plimpton Avenue, West 172nd Street and Edward L. Grant Highway in my district. Now, with this investment from Mayor de Blasio and NYC Parks Commissioner Silver, the Community Parks Initiative will infuse Plimpton Playground and other similarly under-funded and overlooked neighborhood parks like it in the Bronx and across the City with much needed improvements that can help ensure families in our community are granted access to superb parks that are built to last for generations. These investments will improve the quality of life for my constituents and ensure the community has a say in what their local neighborhood park should look like.”

## Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Estate Planning Workshop for Community



BRONX, NY - **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD)** joined the New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for a free **Will & Estate Planning 101** workshop for our senior community at the Findlay Teller HDFC, located at 1201 Findlay Avenue.

Presenters and sponsors included Char and Herzberg, LLP, Gregory Tsougranis, a NYS Licensed Associate Broker and the Bronx Overall

Economic Development Corporation.

**Assemblywoman Joyner said: “How can you protect your money for yourself and for your children? The answer is through wills and estate planning, and most people do not take advantage of these great resources. Surveys tell us the nearly 65% of our community do not have a will, and studies also show many feel it may not be urgent, or it’s not something you feel is needed in your life right now. In our community, it is essential for the future financial growth and empowerment of our families.”**

## JOYNER IN THE COMMUNITY



## Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Honors Citizens Committee for NYC Grantees in Assembly District 77!



For more information for **Citizens Committee’s Neighborhood Grants** program, visit [www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org) or call **212-822-9563**. Citizens Committee awards micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school projects throughout the city. **Applications are due Jan. 23, 2017!**

## Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Immigration Resource Fair (Continued)



## JOYNER FIGHTS FOR TENANTS

### Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Meets with Parkash Tenant Coalition



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD), New York City Public Advocate Letitia James, Senator Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx, 33<sup>rd</sup> AD) and other Bronx elected officials met with the members of Parkash Tenant Coalition, Community Action for Safe Apartments and the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition to discuss the many concerns and safety issues Bronx families face in Ved Parkash-owned buildings.

The Assemblywoman has joined in the fight for her constituents and asked Ved Parkash - one of the City's worst landlords according to the Public Advocate's Office - to address the many issues that have gone unaddressed.



**Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit**

**Tenant Support Specialists every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**



**Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office  
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK  
Bronx, NY 10451**

Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

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

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

**Every Thursday, Tenant Support Services are available in Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office**

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal professionals from the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

**For more information, see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000**



**Free Housing Legal Services!**



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer **FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!**



N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns

**When:** Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Where:** Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office  
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK  
Bronx, N.Y. 10451



For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000

TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE:	N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE:
NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 10
NOVEMBER 17	
DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22

**OFF-SITE CONSTITUENT HOURS**



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner wants to make her office more accessible to families and constituents in the 77th Assembly District. Her staff will be offering off-site constituent services at local senior centers, community centers and libraries.

- **Highbridge Library**  
78 West 168th Street  
Bronx, NY, 10452  
**\*Every 3rd Monday from 10 AM-1 PM\***
- **Davidson Community Center**  
2038 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10453  
**\*Every 4th Monday from 10 AM-1 PM\***
- **New Settlement Community Center**  
1501 Jerome Ave  
Bronx, NY 10452  
**\*Every 3rd Wednesday from 4 PM-6 PM**

## AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Below listing are Subsidized Rental Opportunities lotteries, as provided by NYC Housing Preservation & Development and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. Each housing opportunity is a lottery with application deadlines.

For more information, please visit [NYC Housing Connect](#) or [HCR Affordable Rental Units](#) and [NYHousingSearch.gov](#).

ADDRESS	APTS AVAILABLE	HOW DO YOU APPLY?	DEADLINE
1450 Plimpton Avenue, Bronx NY 10452	61	For low-income seniors 62 years or older, tenants will be selected by random lottery pursuant to U.S. HUD Regulations. Applications are available by calling 718-579-8721 or visiting <a href="http://www.hcdcny.com">www.hcdcny.com</a> . All applications should be sent by regular mail to:  ArtsBridge Senior Housing PO Box 5027 Bronx, New York 10451	Nov. 25, 2016
1776 Boston Rd, Bronx, NY 10460	72	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to <a href="http://nyc.gov/housingconnect">nyc.gov/housingconnect</a> . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: HIGH HAWK c/o PWB Management Corp. 3092 Hull Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.	Dec. 16, 2016
6469 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471	77	Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: <a href="http://www.BronxProgroup.com">www.BronxProgroup.com</a> .  Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc., 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN	No deadline