

# Month at A Glance

May/June 2016

On June 9, 2016 the Assembly passed bill A3809A. This bill prohibits an owner from adjusting the amount of preferential rent upon the renewal of a lease. Prior to a change in law in 2003, preferential rent was permanent for the duration of a tenancy and could only be increased upon vacancy. However, based on amendments to the law in 2003, landlords are now permitted to abandon discounted preferential rent and impose statutory rent upon vacancy or renewal of a lease. As a result, many tenants have been forced out of their rent-regulated apartments. This rent regulation law is necessary to ensure that working families and moderate-income residents are not forced out of their rent regulated apartments.

I am proud to pass this important legislation that will help so many families in the 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.



On Tuesday May 24, 2016 Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Senator Jeff Klein, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., BOEDC, The Bronx Tourism Council, and Bronx Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Marketing & Advertising Solutions Inc. (MAS), hosted the 4th Annual Bronx Day In Albany. The luncheon featured presentations by Brian Goldstein, Director of Operations for the New York Small Business Development Center, Mwisa Chisunka, Director of Business Tax Services, and Education of the NYS Taxation and Finance Department.



## A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors

This year's evening reception was sponsored by Anheuser Busch, with lively entertainment by pop and classical tenor, Elio Scaccio, and the Jumpin' Dragons Band. Additional sponsors of the Bronx Day In Albany event includes; Hutch Metro Center, Wildlife Conservation Society- Bronx Zoo, New York Botanical Garden, Montefiore Hospital, NY Yankees, Eastchester Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Health First, Affinity Health and D&J Ambulette



Delicious Bronx foods and desserts were sponsored by Hunts Point Produce Terminal market, Nebraskaland Meats, A1 Food Distributors, Teitel Brothers, Golden Globe Cookie Factory, Don Coqui-City Island, Golden Crust, Mike's Deli-Arthur Avenue Market, Borgatta Noodles-Arthur Avenue and Coco Delicioso Helado. Congratulations to this year's cannoli contest winner, Artuso's Pastry Shop!!!

## Upcoming Events

**June 25, 2016**  
**International Music Festival**  
 12pm-5pm  
 Loreto Park

**July 16, 2016**  
**International Food Festival**  
 Location:  
 TBD

**July 23, 2016**  
**Van Nest Family Fun Day**  
 12pm-4pm  
 Van Nest Park

**August 13, 2016**  
**International Family Day**  
 Location:  
 TBD

**September 19, 2016**  
**Hispanic Festival**

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#### TEACHER APPRECIATION HONOREES

Zoja Rugova, P.S. 83  
 Joseph Pugliese, P.S.97  
 Priscilla Harper, P.S. 108  
 Jamal Haywood, M.S. 144  
 Ed Barone & Sal Ferone, Astor Collegiate High School  
 Veronica Bacino, Bronx Green Middle School  
 Sean Garvey & Henry Liu, Bronxdale High School



Teachers are some of the most important people in our children's lives. I remember each and every teacher in my life that has made a significant impact. Each year

I recognize the importance and significance that teachers have on our students. This year to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Month, I hosted a Teacher's Appreciation Dinner at Don Coqui City Island. Each school from the 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District was invited to honor a teacher who has greatly impacted the students and the school as a whole.

We thank the honorees and all teachers for their hard work and dedication!

Seth Mactas, Collegiate Institute for Math and Science  
 Kris Forman, CUNY Prep  
 Fatai Omolaja, High School for Language and Innovation  
 Katrina Holmes, Pelham Academy of Academics and Community Engagement  
 Eileene Krull, Pelham Gardens Middle School  
 Brian Rivera & Candice Walker, Pelham Preparatory Academy  
 Karisma Mora, The Young Voices Academy of the Bronx



Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Reading Kick-off Block Party on June 11th. This is a great reminder to all children that reading is not only important, but also fun. I enjoyed the company of many families and the children, along with Councilmember Andy King and Community Board 11 member, Joe Thompson. Let the summer reading fun begin!!



This year's Senior Tea Party was held at F&J Pine on Bronxwood Ave. Thank you to all the ladies who came out for our afternoon tea party and hat contest. Thank you to United Healthcare for sponsoring the event. Also, thank you to all local businesses that donated prizes to our contestants: Golden Eagle Diners, Anthony's Hairstyling, Milano Deli, Big Deal Supermarket, Luciano's Pizza, Angie's Salon, Morris Park Bake Shop, Wild Orchid Flowers, Patsy's Pizzeria, Rose Petal Floral Design, Liberty Diner, Side Street Sport, Doyle's Pub, Carvel Ice Cream, Blow Styling, Patricia's, Just for Looks, Sorrento's Pizzeria, Sunny Nail, Nicky's European Market and Edible Arrangements. Thank you once again to all the sponsors of our Senior Tea Party!