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Assemblyman

Fall 2013

Luis Sepúlveda

Reports to the People

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Another reason to join us this autumn!

Dear Residents of the 87th Assembly District,

This has been quite a busy summer season! Since returning to the Bronx, I have been involved in a number of events throughout the district; from attending graduations, hosting Mammography events in West Farms, conducting People with Disabilities town hall meetings in Castle Hill, and civics classes in Parkchester.

My family and I had a thrilling time celebrating both the Puerto Rican and Dominican Day Parades, having a splash with seniors from the Glebe Senior Center and residents of Jaime Towers in their pool, as well as celebrating both Abrazos, National Night Out, the Castle Hill Tenants Association and the Castle Hill Senior Center Family Day, and several Ramadan celebrations. This summer my office has also been quite active in the community. We hosted successful service days, from partnering with the NYC Food Bank, to having a blood drive with the American Red Cross, we also have been out and about with our volunteers, helping those in the community who are most in need.

This season, we are preparing to celebrate back to school by having our Summer Reading Brunch at the end of September to honor the children who successfully completed the challenge! We are also organizing a free citizenship event in collaboration with NALEO. We will be hosting more community service events this fall as well as our fourth book and clothing drive. To date my office has donated over 15,000 books to the community. If you have any clothing that is in good condition, please drop it off at our office, and we will donate them to those in need. Lastly, we are making a big push for local merchants to donate turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that dedicate their time to helping others, and if you are interested in participating in any of our upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact my office to find out more. As always, please have a safe fall season. I hope you enjoy the foliage as much as I will!

Luis R. Sepúlveda
Assemblyman
87th Assembly District

Free Mammography Screenings

(for uninsured or underinsured females age 40 and over) for all mammography events.

In conjunction with local hospital

Thursday, September 12th from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

West Farms: Vidalia Park, E 180th St., Bronx, NY 10460

By Appointment

People with Disabilities Town Hall

Upcoming October date TBD, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Parkchester Library, 1985 Westchester Ave., Bronx, NY 10460

Free Mammography Screenings

(for uninsured or underinsured females age 40 and over) for all mammography events.

In conjunction with local hospital

Thursday, September 19th from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kips Bay Castle Hill Senior Center, 625 Castle Hill Ave., Bronx NY 10473

By Appointment

New Americans Campaign United for Citizenship Event

Saturday, September 28th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Holy Family Parish, 2158 Watson Ave, Bronx, NY 10472

"Team Sepúlveda" Citizenship Volunteer Day

Saturday, September 28th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Clothe a Child Drive

We are collecting clothing for youth ages 14-24 who are homeless, runaway or "at risk" (other vulnerable youth such as LGBTQ, foster care, etc)

Accepting clothing for men, women, and children up to age 5

All month of September from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Monday-Friday, Alternating Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

1973 Westchester Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Thursday, October 3rd beginning at 12 p.m.

Starting Location: 1512 Castle Hill Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

Finish Line: 1973 Westchester Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

Free Mammography Screenings

In conjunction with local hospital

Thursday, October 3rd from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Office of Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda, 1973 Westchester Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

By Appointment

"Team Sepúlveda" It's My Park Volunteer Day

Celebrate "Do Something Nice Day" with us!

Saturday, October 5th (location and time TBD)

reservation required, call office for more information

Healthcare Exchange: Understanding Obamacare Business Breakfast

Tuesday, October 8th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Parkchester (location TBD)

Healthcare Exchange: Understanding Obamacare Constituent Forum

Tuesday, October 8th from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1891 McGraw Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

Clergy Appreciation Month Celebration

Throughout the week of October 7th-11th

The Assemblyman will be recognizing various religious institutions for all their hard work

Healthcare Exchange: Understanding Obamacare Business Breakfast

Tuesday, October 15th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

West Farms (location TBD)

Healthcare Exchange: Understanding Obamacare Constituent Forum

Tuesday, October 15th from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Wings Academy, 1122 E. 180th St., Bronx, NY 10460

The Assemblyman is sponsoring a food drive

All month of October & November from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Monday-Friday, Alternating Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m.) 1973 Westchester Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

* Be sure to visit our office to view our most up to date job listings. You can also view our job listings in Assemblyman Sepúlveda's Assembly Website <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Luis-R-Sepulveda> *

Get involved in your community!

Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance
The Monthly Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Love Gospel Church
475 Van Nest Ave, Bronx, NY 10460

Community Board 6
The General Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. (July & August – Summer Recess) Call office before attending meeting to confirm the location.
1932 Archer Ave., 7th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457
(718) 579-6990

Community Board 9
The General Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. (July & August– Summer Recess) Call office before attending meeting to confirm the location.
1967 Turnbull Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 – 2nd Floor
(718) 823-3034
www.nyc.gov/bxceb9

Community Board 11
The General Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. (July & August– Summer Recess) Call office before attending meeting to confirm the location.
1741 Colden Ave., Bronx, NY 10462
(718) 892-6262
www.nyc.gov/bxceb11

NYPD 43rd Precinct Community Council
The Council Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call the precinct before attending meeting to confirm location.
900 Fteley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Community Affairs: (718) 542-6325

NYPD 45th Precinct Community Council
The Council Meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call the precinct before attending meeting to confirm location.
2877 Barkley Avenue
Bronx, NY 10465
Community Affairs: (718) 822-5449

NYPD 48th Precinct Community Council
The Council Meetings are held every last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call the precinct before attending meeting to confirm location.
450 Cross Bronx Expressway
Bronx, NY 10457
Community Affairs: (718) 299-4522

NYPD 49th Precinct Community Council
The Council Meetings are held every last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call the precinct before attending meeting to confirm location.
2121 Eastchester Road
Bronx, NY 10461
Community Affairs: (718) 918-2032

What's Happening in the 87th...



Featured here, Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda is posing with a resident of Casella Senior Housing in West Farms during his visit for Father's Day when he surprised the seniors with a cake.



In the month of July, Assemblyman Sepúlveda attended the Dominican parade along with his wife Elizabeth. They sang and danced to the beat of bachata and merengue, and enjoyed greeting constituents from all over the Bronx.



At the Stratton Park Town Hall Meeting he hosted this past July, Assemblyman Sepúlveda addressed his constituents to discuss the stop and frisk epidemic and to discuss their rights as citizens.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda is captured speaking to the youth during one of the many graduations he attended in his district this past June.

Assemblyman Sepúlveda is pictured here touring the St. Barnabas Mammography Van during a free mammography screening event he hosted at 180th Street and Van Nest Avenue this past July.



In June, the Bangladesh community held an event to honor Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda for all his hard work.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda posing with members of Organizing for Action Bronx as well as staff at Crotona Park during August Day of Action.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda is pictured here at the civics class he conducted at the Parkchester Library in July. His students were very attentive and learned a whole lot!



Assemblyman Sepúlveda and his youngest son sharing a sweet moment at Senator Ruben Diaz's Abrazo Dominicano Event at Eastwood Manor.



Alongside community leaders Rosemary Ordenez, Ivine Galarza, and Nessie Panton, Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda attended the Making Strides Against Cancer Campaign Breakfast sponsored by the American Cancer Society.



Joined by local teenagers, Assemblyman Sepúlveda is captured shooting some hoops at a local basketball court. Go Assemblyman!



In August, at the Bronx courthouse, Assemblyman Sepúlveda introduced Alexandra Valle to Senator Gillibrand. Assemblyman Sepúlveda helped Ms. Valle attend the Junior Statesmen Summer School program at Georgetown University. Ms. Valle is also featured in our "Spotlight for Success" section of this newsletter.



Along with his family, staff members, and volunteers, Assemblyman Sepúlveda volunteered several hours to participate in the "Team Sepúlveda" Food Bank Volunteer Day this past July.



Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda busy at work distributing useful information, and promoting safe sex by distributing free condoms at the 180th Street train station.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda is featured here posing with several women at the Bangladesh Society of the Bronx during their Iftar celebration.

Assemblyman Sepúlveda in a meeting with Doreen Lesane discussing ways they can serve constituents struggling with domestic violence related issues.



Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda is pictured here alongside Yvonne Rodriguez and her brother Victor, at the Vyse Avenue Block party in West Farms.



At this year's National Night Out event which took place at the Parkchester Train Station, and which he cosponsored, Assemblyman Sepúlveda disseminated useful information to his constituents alongside his staff and volunteers.

Spotlight on Success!



Alexandra Valle, currently a student at Mott Hall V in the Bronx, was selected as a Junior Statesman of America to attend the prestigious summer program at Georgetown University. With the help of the Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors (BMNAR), Alexandra was able to reach her dream. Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq., Association Executive Officer, BMNAR, said, "Alexandra has her heart set on becoming an attorney and ultimately a judge. I am so proud of our members for supporting her dream." Assemblyman Sepúlveda is very thankful to BMNAR and Eliezer for responding to this great cause. Assemblyman Sepúlveda stated, "We need to help our gifted students. We need to take a more active

role to increase the probability that when our children graduate from the life of school and enter the school of life, they will be ready. Well done Alexandra!"

Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda works hard for his community. Featured here are letters of appreciation he received from constituents and local organizations. We commend him for his hard work!

Assemblyman Sepúlveda's staff has not stayed too far behind! Featured here are a few testimonials from constituents, where they express their gratitude and appreciation for all the help and assistance that was provided to them by Assemblyman Sepúlveda's staff. Kudos to Team Sepúlveda!

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Mr. George P. came to the office not sure of what to expect. When he spoke with Ms. Lopez, our Executive Assistant, regarding an issue with the mailboxes in his building, he stated:

"It was like speaking to a friend. Many people have notions about how politicians are supposed to act and it was not like that in this office. It [the handling of the case] was fast and professional and I was happy with the help that was received."

The parents of Mahiuddin A. came into our office seeking assistance in gaining the NYS citizenship of their son who suffers from a developmental disability. They met with our Administrative Aide, Ms. Tashneem, and Mahiuddin's father, stated:

"I don't think anyone else has ever given us such care and importance."

Mr. Randolph R. reached out to our office inquiring about the status of his worker's compensation. He had been waiting for over a year to address his concern. Ms. Teasley, our Constituent Liaison, worked alongside Mr. Rodriguez and together they were able to address and resolve his issue. Mr. Rodriguez stated:

"Thank you for all your help. I'll be sure to keep in touch."

Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc.



Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. was founded on August 16, 1987 when a group of community leaders decided the Parkchester Community was in need of a Masjid. In August 1988, the Executive Committee of Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. found 1203 Virginia Avenue, a location which was large enough to hold their now growing congregates. On June 17, 2003, the Executive Committee of Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. broke ground to build the new four story building that was completed in 2006. Currently the Masjid has approximately 350 life members and 500 general members and is still looking to expand. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. is open five times during prayer every day-365 days a year. During each prayer time an average of 100 congregants are in attendance. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. observes all Islamic holidays, including Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha, Ramadan, Shab-e-

Miraj, and Shab-e-Boraat. Throughout the entire year weekly Friday prayers attract congregants from all over New York City and Eid Prayers attract congregants from all over the world. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. helps the community in any way it can. Often times during natural disasters, Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. collects extra funding to help the victims. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. also tries to help those who are homeless and hungry by providing food, clothing, and temporary shelter in efforts to abolish hunger in New York City and throughout the world. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. has lecturers in place to provide elderly and youth education on the religion of Islam and other religions in our neighbors. To serve the community, Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. allows the community board to hold its meetings at the basement of their building. Parkchester Jame Masjid, Inc. is the only Masjid in the world whose lectures are broadcasted and listened to all over the world.

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What I Am Up To...

Assemblyman Sepúlveda awarded Graduation Certificates of Merit to the graduating class of all the schools in his district. In June, Assemblyman Sepúlveda and his staff presented the certificates to graduates of the following schools: P.S. 536, Bronx Little School, Bronx Charter School of Excellence, P.S. 6, P.S. 214, P.S. 119, P.S. 138, P.S. 106, Gateway, Pablo Neruda, P.S. 47, P.S. 36, Millennium, The Bronx Guild, School for Community Research and Learning, and Star of the Sea Cadet Corp.

Did You Know...

People with Disabilities Reserved Parking

Reserved parking for people with disabilities is a legal requirement, not just a courtesy. This ensures that people with disabilities have safe and equal access to goods and services, access which most of us take for granted. To park at most curbsides on NYC streets, the NYC Department of Transportation issues a City permit (a rectangular dashboard permit) to persons with severe disabilities.

To qualify for the license plates or the parking permit, you must present proof of the disability from a medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM, licensed in NYS only) or optometrist (OD, for blindness). Only these medical professionals are considered "doctors" as the term is used in this publication.

New York City does not set aside reserved spaces on its streets for persons with disabilities. Reserved parking spaces are only available off-street, in parking lots for

shopping centers/malls, office/apartment buildings and college campuses.

You can use the vehicle plates for disabled persons or a state permit for disabled persons to park in reserved spaces in those off-street lots.



Personalized license plates (up to six characters) with the International Symbol of Access are available for an additional charge. Please contact:

The DMV Custom Plate Office
6 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12228
1-518-402-4838



Spotlight on Success! (continued from page 3)

Assemblyman Sepúlveda and his staff aren't the only ones working hard. There are many organizations that are active in the community. In this version of the newsletter, Assemblyman Sepúlveda highlights

two houses of worship that have demonstrated their ongoing commitment to the community.

Holy Family



Holy Family Church was established as a Catholic parish to serve a large area of the Bronx in 1896. Its first members were immigrants of German origin. Over the years other ethnic groups joined the parish; in the 1960s and 1970s Hispanic Catholics, moving up from the South Bronx and El Barrio became a prominent group. Today they are joined by women and men of many different backgrounds. The parish seeks to meet the spiritual, social, academic and personal needs of its many members today. Their parish

school provides quality education for the children enrolled and their weekend religious educational program reaches out to other children and adults. Through these programs children take part in a winter basketball program and seniors gather in the parish hall for activities and lunch each day. Holy Family also sponsors blood drives, collects money for parishes that are less fortunate, and hosts trips for youths to do charitable work in other countries such as Brazil. Parish staff is always open to working with other community groups to build a better and stronger Castle Hill neighborhood.

Parkchester Baptist Church

On November 1, 1946, The New York Baptist City Society was created. Wanting to fulfill a need to bring the Baptist faith into the community, Rev. Harold B. Lundgren held the first "Charter Sunday," for its fifty-three charter members on February 2, 1947. Under Rev. Lundgren's Pastorate, the name "Parkchester Baptist Church" was formally adopted and a constitution was formed. In March 2005, Rev. Dr. Laura B. Sinclair of Long Island, NY became the first female Senior Pastor and on January 2012, through another electorate process, Rev. Felecia M. Smith was selected to serve as the church's first Executive Pastor. Today, the church participates in various mission efforts throughout the world and outreach efforts within the community. From delivering food to residents of the community that suffer from HIV, cancer, and those that are homebound, to hosting an annual back to school event where they distribute supplies, sponsor-

ing an annual AARP driver training workshop, sponsoring a seasonal clothing drive for homeless shelters, maintaining a food pantry for the community, sponsoring estate planning, financial and legal service workshops, sponsoring fire safety workshops, establishing a summer day camp program for children in the community, providing HIV and AIDS testing, sponsoring blood drives and sponsoring annual spelling bees and mission efforts to Louisiana and Jamaica, the Parkchester Baptist Church continues to find ways to serve the Parkchester Community and the world at the hands and feet of Christ.



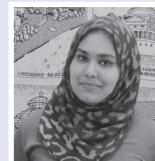
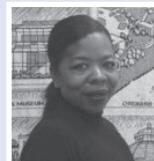
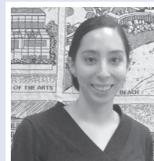
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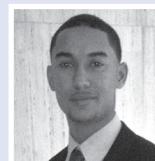
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The Sepúlveda Team



Se Habla Espanol
Tenemos personal en nuestra oficina que le puede asistir en su idioma natal.



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 কোনও অসুবিধা নেই!
 আপনার বক্তব্য অনুবাদ করবেন আমাদের একজন সহকর্মী।
 আপনাকে সার্বক্ষণিক সেবা দিতে আমরা প্রস্তুত।

Row 1 (left to right) Kenneth Thomas, Chief of Staff; Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo, Deputy Chief of Staff; Oshrie Zak, Counsel to the Assemblyman; Jazmine Lopez, Executive Assistant; Lettisha Teasley, Constituent Liaison; Samiha Tashneem, Administrative Aide.
Row 2 (left to right) D.O. Interns: Sadia Robinson; Erika Benson; Jazmine Parra and Arturo Ureno.