



Assemblyman William Colton

FIGHTING FOR US AND OUR COMMUNITY

Fall 2013

COLTON CONTINUES BATTLE AGAINST DANGEROUS GARBAGE STATION



COLTON'S ANTI-GARBAGE STATION FIGHT GOES BACK TO 2004

Assemblyman Colton's involvement in the site started in the 1990's when he served as a free attorney for the community successfully suing NYC to stop it from operating an incinerator on the site. The lawsuit resulted in stopping the proposed new incinerator and the demolition of the old one. In his Fall 2004 Newsletter, Colton was the first to alert the community to the Garbage Station proposed for Shore Parkway and Bay 41 Street by Mayor Bloomberg. Colton solicited their views about its negative impacts on health, noise, traffic and home values.

COLTON LED RALLIES AND PETITION DRIVES FROM 2005 TO 2013

As reported in his summer and fall 2005 newsletters, Assemblyman Colton contacted all 51 City Council members in 2005. Colton also sponsored a Town Hall meeting to alert the community and organized a Task Force of community leaders to collect petitions to oppose the Garbage Station. Colton also testified at City Council hearings in 2006 urging rejection of the plan.

In 2005 and again in 2006, Assemblyman Colton's Anti-Garbage Station Task Force held rallies against the Garbage Station and collected thousands of petition signatures. It demanded DEC hold a hearing. In 2007, Assemblyman Colton and his Task Force sponsored a mass rally and flotilla of 50 boats to protest the plan and to prepare for Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) hearings and the Task Force got some 20 elected officials to sign letters, plus submitting thousands of comments from the public, opposing the garbage station.

In January 2008, DEC scheduled the public hearing before an Administrative Law judge and some one thousand persons

attended, aroused by Assemblyman Colton, almost all against the plan. Colton sponsored additional public rallies in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

COLTON FILES LAWSUIT AFTER DEC GRANTS GARBAGE STATION PERMIT

Despite the one thousand persons attending and 64 of 65 community leaders testifying against the plan, in 2008 the Administrative Law judge recommended a permit. Then, after 4 years of consideration, DEC issued the permit in May 2012. In 2012, Assemblyman Colton, again as a free attorney for the community, filed a lawsuit. In 2013, through the lawsuit, Colton discovered tests of the bottom of Gravesend Bay revealed acutely toxic levels of dioxins, mercury, insecticides, etc, as the community had feared. Although finding the DEC decision, in its procedure, was irrational in that it withheld information from the public, the judge refused to consider the tests or to overturn the permit, instead requiring prompt future disclosure of all information by the City. Assemblyman Colton has now appealed this court decision and we await the hearing on his appeal.

FIGHT AGAINST CITY'S GARBAGE STATION CONTINUES

As we await the hearing of the appeal, Assemblyman Colton is preparing to continue the community's fight against this dangerous Garbage Station. Of all the proposed garbage stations only this one has not begun construction. Our continuing opposition may include additional court proceedings, public lobbying of officials and mounting more public calls to stop this plan. However, our community, led by Assemblyman Colton will continue its fight until this threat to our health, environmental well-being and quality of life is stopped.

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON'S COMMUNITY OFFICE SERVING YOU

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Monday-Wednesday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. to Noon



Happy Veterans Day from Assemblyman Colton

As your Assemblyman, I have worked hard to help veterans and their families. This year I am especially proud to announce the passage of the Veterans' Speaker Education Program (Ch. 183 of 2013) that I sponsored in the Assembly, which was passed by both houses of the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

This law authorizes the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs to start a veteran speaker education program where the veterans can tell their stories about their military experiences to the students in public and private schools. This will provide to students a clear understanding of veterans' sacrifices for our great country.

As your Assemblyman, I have supported the creation of numerous veteran benefit packages that directly help veterans and their families. My office has the resources to help veterans and their families when it comes to education scholarships, job training, disability benefits, etc.

I am truly grateful for our veterans' patriotic service to our country and I pledge to continue my work to help veterans and their families. If you have any questions about any of these programs or any other concerns please contact my community office.

Have a happy and healthy Veterans Day.

Very truly yours,

Assemblyman William Colton

Veteran Resources NEED HELP APPLYING FOR BENEFITS?

Call My Community Office:
718-236-1598

- Federal, State and Active Duty Benefits
- Education Scholarships
- Jobs Assistance
- Disability Benefits
- Tax Exemptions

NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs
1-888-838-7697 (VETSNYS)
www.veterans.ny.gov

Free Language Assistance Services
518-474-6114

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DATE: Sunday, November 17, 2013

TIME: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

SPONSOR: AARP & Assemblyman William Colton

PLACE: 29 Bay 25th Street

(Between 86th St. and Benson Ave.) Brooklyn, NY 11214

To Register Please Call: 718-236-1598 and ask for Paul S. Lipton. Please give your name and telephone number for pre-registration and you will be given full information about the class. After regular office hours, please leave your information and we will return your phone call.

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People with qualifying disabilities with a **Medicare Card** and a valid photo I.D., such as a driver's license, can apply for Reduced-Fare MetroCard and receive a temporary card the same day.

People with Disabilities

People with qualifying disabilities **without a Medicare Card** can also apply. No temporary card will be issued and the applicant must first meet all qualifying criteria. Please note that the application processing may take up to 8 weeks.

Dates:

Friday, November 22

Friday, December 20

Time:

10 AM to 12 Noon

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Location:

Assemblyman Colton's Community Office

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