



### Dear Neighbor,

*This was a busy year in Albany. While the start of session was a bit bumpy, we had a relatively successful year. We passed a State budget in which the Assembly prevented the addition of some egregious policy issues that had been proposed by the Governor, such as the increase in the cap on Charter Schools and the creation of an Education Tax Credit.*

*The end of session was just as busy. While we all had high hopes as we started negotiations regarding rent regulations, as we moved forward, we realized we not only had no partner in the Senate majority, but were also undermined by the Governor who started negotiations indicating a slight change in luxury decontrol was a good compromise. The hopes and belief that vacancy decontrol would be eliminated was a non-starter outside of the Assembly. New Yorkers deserve affordable housing, and a renewal of rent regulations was essential to saving the homes of two million New Yorkers.*

*The four-year renewal of rent regulations increased the luxury decontrol limit to \$2,700 and maintains an income trigger of \$200,000 for two consecutive years, spread out the time in which an MCI can be collected from a tenant, and increased protections for tenants against landlord harassment. Additionally, this bill fixed some problems with the implementation of the 2010 Loft Law expansion. Specifically, it reopened the application period for which loft tenants can apply to legalize their space. (For details on this process, please see "Loft Tenant Registration" section.)*

*There were also many major victories throughout the year. A few highlights of bills which I sponsored that have passed both the Assembly and the Senate:*

- 1) *The passage of a campus sexual assault bill, on which I worked to significantly amend to its current form. This bill was a top priority for the Governor but required substantial revisions to ensure impartial administration with a rigorous set of standards to protect all students. This bill will ensure greater training of staff and students alike and a new affirmative consent paradigm in connection to consensual sexual activity.*
- 2) *Another bill would permit out-of-state licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to work in New York State during natural disasters or other emergencies. It would also allow these professionals to assist in investigations of animal cruelty cases.*
- 3) *Through legislation, we expanded the scope of practice for registered nurses. The critical addition to the role of registered nurses would permit them to administer updated tests to screen for Tuberculosis (TB), with a general order from a doctor or nurse practitioner. As TB has had a resurgence, this is an important public health initiative.*

*There is always more work to do, and more New Yorkers for whom I will fight. As session has now concluded for the year, I look forward to the ability to spend some time in the district, as I continue to work for my constituents and residents of New York.*

Sincerely,

Deborah

## Loft Tenant Registration

If you're are a tenant in a loft building where there are three or more families living independently and are able to prove that you have at least twelve consecutive months of residence between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009, you are able to apply for legalization for your apartment/building. This was the intent of the 2010 Loft Law

extension, but due to bureaucratic problems, not all of these buildings were allowed to apply to legalize. I am proud that this will allow these buildings to get up to code and to obtain a legal Certificate of Occupancy.

You may seek help from the Loft Board <http://www.nyc.gov/html/loft/html/contact/contact.shtml>



*Assemblymember Glick debating her bill on sexual assault on campuses. This law will allow college students in New York to have the support and protections they deserve to feel safe from sexual assault.*



## Protect Yourself Against Fraud

Unfortunately, there are always scams and people who try to defraud innocent people. Sometimes these scams come as easily identifiable emails, but others are much more elaborate. Scams range from phishing to telephone and email solicitations to fake checks, mail fraud and even in-person fraud. The best way to protect yourself is to know what suspicious behavior to lookout for, and prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Here are a few things to do in order to protect yourself:

- Read your monthly credit card and bank statements and look for charges you didn't make. Report any to your credit card company immediately.
- Do not send money to people or companies with which you are not familiar.
- Be wary of people coming in person to collect an outstanding bill. A utility company will never send a collections person to your home or business to collect past bills.
- Never reply to messages requesting personal information.

- Shred documents with private information before you throw it out. The AARP and the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs both host free community shredding events.
- Monitor your credit report. You are able to access a free credit report every year.
- When in doubt, look up the direct number or contact for the company or utility claiming to need to be in touch with you and give them a call directly to verify the information.

The NYC Department of Consumer Affairs also has a list of the top 10 most common scams. You can read about them on their website: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/pr2015/pr\\_030315.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/pr2015/pr_030315.shtml)

If you think you have identified or been the victim of a scam, file a complaint. This will alert New York State of the possible scam and hopefully prevent others from becoming victims as well.

To do so, call the Attorney General's Office at: 1-800-771-7755 or NYS Division of Consumer Protection agency at: (518) 474-8583 or (800) 697-1220.

## Federal Agency Jobs for Seniors

It's not often that you hear of employers actively seeking to hire older adults. But, the Federal Government has two programs to do just that. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Agriculture have programs specifically for employees over the age of 55.

These programs are run through a cooperative, National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC), which posts jobs and screens applicants on behalf of the agencies. Jobs can be full or part time, and can come with full benefits. To find out more about open positions, visit the NOWCC website: [www.nowcc.org/applicants/positions](http://www.nowcc.org/applicants/positions). The Partnership for Public Service also created a clearinghouse for all positions in the Federal Government, which can be found at: [www.gogovernment.org](http://www.gogovernment.org).



*Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director of the National Advocates for Pregnant Women, and Assemblymember Glick celebrating the historic decision by the Supreme Court in which marriage equality was upheld for everyone across the United States.*

## Sign up for Important City Updates

New York is a fast moving city and as we all know following Hurricane Sandy and other unplanned events, staying informed can make a difference when it comes to your safety. Notify NYC is a program set up by the City that will alert you of pertinent information as it pertains to you and your neighborhood. It can be sent to your email or cell phone. Registration is free and is the official source of City

emergency information as well as news regarding services. You will even receive alerts when specific subway lines are not in service, or if there are major traffic disruptions. I encourage you to sign up online at: <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/Enrollment/Default.aspx> to receive important New York City updates.

## Form a Tenants Association in Your Building

Regardless of if you are in a rent-stabilized or market-rate apartment, it's a good idea to have a tenants association to represent you and your neighbors. Tenants Associations are groups of tenants who live in the same building and formally advocate, as a group, and address issues in the building. These can range from very basic repairs in common spaces to extreme issues such as tenant harassment.

If you do not already have a tenant association, the Met-

ropolitan Council on Housing is able to assist you and your neighbors with the process of setting one up. They have a fantastic web page including a staff of counselors to answer questions and give advice for the process of setting up a successful Tenants Association and creating better relationships between tenants and landlords. Visit <http://metcouncilonhousing.org/> for more information about Tenants Associations, or call Met Council at: 212-979-6238.



*Assemblymember Glick receiving an award from Kevin Chlad, Legislative Director for the Adirondack Council, for the Assemblymember's leadership in protecting the Adirondack Park.*



## Efforts to Reduce Plastic Bag Consumption

Everywhere I go, I carry a reusable tote with me. It's a small act that could have ripple effects in protecting the integrity of our planet. And, now, pending legislation would encourage all shoppers to do the same by instituting the use of eco-friendly shopping bags in grocery stores. Plastic bags are generally made of polyethylene, which increases our dependence on oil and further damages our planet by contributing to global climate change.

Plastic bags are damaging our environment in a number of ways. First, they clog-up landfills, which in turn costs taxpayers millions of dollars. Some estimates say we throw away 100 billion pounds of plastic bags, annually, with many bags staying in landfills for years because they are not biodegradable. Some scientists estimate plastic bags stay in landfills for 500 years. The problem this poses to the environment is troubling. Additionally, bags that don't end up in landfills often end up in oceans, streams and lakes, strangling the life out of sea animals who mistake them for

food or otherwise get tangled in them resulting in restricting their movement or ability to eat.

These are some of the reasons why I am happy to have co-sponsored legislation to limit our reliance on plastic bags. The bill, A3636, sponsored by Assemblymember DenDekker, would prohibit grocery stores from providing plastic carryout bags and require stores to provide recyclable paper bags at no charge to customers. However, some exceptions would be made for meats and certain vegetables for health and safety reasons.

With the recent push by the city government to combat global climate change by committing to 80 percent reduction in emissions by 2050, now is the time to ensure a safer and greener planet for future generations. Tackling the over-use of plastic bags in New York is an important issue. It's a small step that would go a long way to combat climate change and environmental degradation.

## Increasing Access to Immunizations

As Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Higher Education, I review legislation that affects certain professions licensed by the State Department of Education. Over the past seven years, the State has worked to make access to immunizations easier by certifying specially trained pharmacists to administer vaccines.

Immunizations authorized for administration by pharmacists:

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Meningococcal
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (TDaP)
- Acute herpes zoster (shingles)

The pharmacist is required to follow a protocol to ensure that you are made aware of the cost in advance, since health

plan coverage varies, and if the immunization is not covered by your health insurance plan, the pharmacist must inform you that the immunization may be covered when administered by a primary health care physician. Additionally, the privacy area should include a clearly visible posting of the most current "Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule." Immunizations must be reported by the pharmacist electronically or by fax to your primary health care practitioner, and if you do not have a primary health care physician or practitioner, you must be provided information regarding the importance of having a primary care physician or practitioner.

If your pharmacist doesn't follow this protocol, you can notify the State Education Department at 1-800-442-8106 or at [conduct@nysed.gov](mailto:conduct@nysed.gov). Please also inform me at 212-674-5153 or 518-455-4841, or at [GlickD@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:GlickD@assembly.state.ny.us).

## Calling for an Increase in Crossing Guards in Lower Manhattan

Ensuring the safety of children traveling to and from school is vital to having a livable city. I have been actively working to get more crossing guards in Lower Manhattan since I first noticed a lack of guards as I walked near PS 234. Recently, my efforts have intensified.

I appreciate the efforts of the 1st Police Precinct for its efforts to get two additional crossing guards in the district. I am optimistic that the Administration will continue to work

towards making these positions easier to fill. I applaud the efforts of the City Council, and the increased allocation for crossing guards city-wide which was included in this year's City budget. The safety of New York City's children is an important issue, and I will continue my work to ensure that Lower Manhattan gets the crossing guards that it needs, and deserves.

## Fighting to Maintain the Unique Quality of Our Community

In March, the Department of City Planning (DCP) released a zoning text amendment that accompanies the Mayor's five-borough, ten-year plan named Housing New York. This report proposes a complete overhaul of the zoning regulations in New York City. According to the City, this proposal would remove barriers that are said to impede housing construction and production; encourage better quality buildings that fit the unique makeup of neighborhoods; promote affordable senior housing to assist a growing aging population; and reduce unnecessary parking requirements that drive up costs and quell the production of affordable housing. The aim of these changes is to remove outdated regulations and provisions that inhibit the creation of affordable and mixed-income housing and contribute to the creation of livable communities. There is obviously great concern over any major overhaul of our City's zoning, and any process that moves forward should be done thoughtfully and with extensive community input.

These proposed zoning changes, while packaged as necessary to improve affordable housing stock in the city, come as a one-size-fits-all change that can be detrimental to individual neighborhoods.

The Department of City Planning will be making pre-

sentations to all Community Boards throughout the City regarding this plan. Individual community input is paramount to ensuring these changes don't just prevent harm, but actually help New Yorkers maintain their neighborhoods without unintended erosion of the sense of place we all love. I know that our community is thoughtful and knowledgeable, and I look forward to the continued conversations about which parts of this plan are best for the various parts of our neighborhood.

I have been a passionate advocate for preserving the unique quality of our neighborhoods and fear increased ease for luxury development would destroy the character of the neighborhoods we have spent so long to build. The unbridled development seen in the Village East and West, SoHo, and Tribeca has not only made it more difficult for New Yorkers to stay in homes in their neighborhoods, it has put local businesses at risk as rents continue to skyrocket. I hope that City Planning and the Mayor understand the special nature of historic districts and contextual districts for which we fought hard to create the current zoning and work closely with neighborhoods and allow them to have greater input on how the proposed zoning changes would affect them specifically.

## Join Our Email List

While I am thrilled to be able to mail out these newsletters a few times a year, I also send out a monthly e-newsletter, in which I am able to keep you apprised of what is going on around the community. In addition to updates from my office, news about community events or initiatives, I also

send occasional emails with critical information about city services and safety concerns. Please visit my website, <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Deborah-J-Glick/enews> to sign up for my e-newsletter and start receiving regular updates.

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*Assemblymember Glick outlines the importance of her bill on Reproductive Rights. The pink scarf is the symbolic color of Family Planning Advocates.*

