



Assemblyman **William COLTON**

Community Update 2012

PROTECTING US AND OUR COMMUNITY

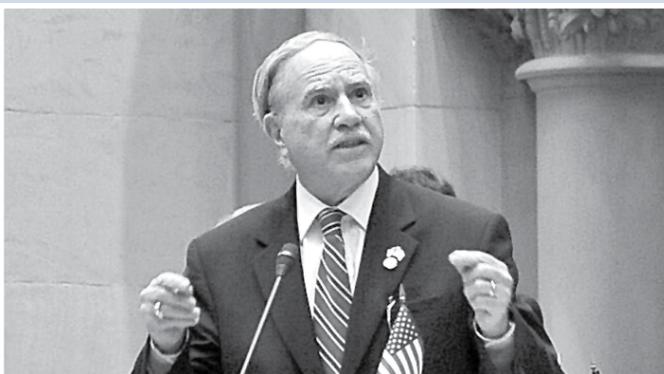
Colton's Cleanups Inspire



Assemblyman Colton co-sponsored a cleanup event sponsored by Councilman Greenfield on Sunday, May 6th. The event included many young volunteers from the community who cleaned along Bay Parkway. The event came at a time when many local leaders are taking notice of Colton's "Clean Sweep" Campaign and bringing the community together to improve the overall cleanliness of southern Brooklyn.

"The cleanliness of a community is a reflection of its people, and I want all residents to be proud of where they live. Please feel free to contact my community office to suggest areas for our next 'Clean Sweep' Campaign," said Colton.

Fought to Protect Senior Programs



Assemblyman Colton successfully fought for our seniors in this year's budget. These victories include:

- Restoring EPIC so seniors will pay no more than \$20 for meds
- Preventing the state from seizing assets of an elderly couple to pay for nursing home care
- Expanding home-based senior support programs such as EISEP and NORC to help seniors live independently
- Requiring the Department of Health to re-invest Medicaid savings into expanding supportive housing development

Colton Restores Education Cuts



Assemblyman Colton, pictured above at Midwood High School, fought for numerous restorations and increases for both public and private school programs in the budget this year. Program restorations and increases include:

Education

- ✓ Public Library Aid
- ✓ Transportation for after-school academic activities
- ✓ Non-public school aid
- ✓ Adult Literacy Education
- ✓ Teacher Resource Centers

Higher Education

- ✓ Community base aid
- ✓ Higher Education Opportunity Program
- ✓ Science & Tech. Entry Program
- ✓ Liberty Partnerships

Colton Hosts Mammogram Event



Assemblyman Colton coordinated an outreach campaign to women in the community interested in getting checked for breast cancer. The event was held on April 20th and was completely booked. The event was free and sponsored by the American-Italian Cancer Foundation as part of their Mobile Mammography Program shown above. Assemblyman Colton encourages all women over the age of 40 to get screened as early detection is vital to survival.

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON'S COMMUNITY OFFICE SERVING YOU

155 Kings Highway

(Between West 12th and West 13th Streets)

718-236-1598

Email: coltonw@assembly.state.ny.us

Monday–Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday..... Noon to 8 p.m.

Friday..... 10 a.m. to Noon

Stop in or call for assistance with:

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| ✓ Veterans' Benefits | ✓ HeartShare | ✓ Health Insurance |
| ✓ EPIC | ✓ Food Stamps | ✓ State/City Agencies |
| ✓ STAR Rebates | ✓ Housing Issues | ✓ Legal Assistance |
| ✓ SCRIE | ✓ Family Tax Credits | ✓ And Much More ! |
| ✓ DRIE | ✓ Small Business Tax Credits | |
| ✓ HEAP | | |

COMMUNITY SUCCESS STORIES

Access-A-Ride Victories

Assemblyman Colton fought for and won full restoration of Access-A-Ride services for two disabled women in Bensonhurst. Assemblyman Colton and his staff pushed on and did not give up on these cases, even after the MTA rejected an appeal in one case.

Fighting Internet Fraud

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Internet fraud robs consumers of over half-a-billion dollars per year. Assemblyman Colton helped a constituent recover \$2,299 taken from his bank account when his debit card information was stolen online. Colton encourages you to call or visit his community office if you think you've been targeted in any fraudulent scheme.

School Transfer for Bullied Youth

When one wheelchair-bound youth was faced with constant bullying and harassment at a local high school, Assemblyman Colton stood up for him and got him transferred to a more accommodating one. Not only did the student's new school have the appropriate staff to assist him, the school specialized in the arts, which is exactly what the youth specializes in.

"All students should be provided a safe learning environment, especially those with special needs. I will continue to stand up for the rights of our children to attend bully-free schools, and I will fight at the state level to pass common sense solutions to combat bullying in our schools," said Colton.

Colton Offers Reduced-Fare MetroCards

MetroCard Mobile Sales Staff will assist those who are eligible every month at Assemblyman Colton's community office:

Seniors 65+

Senior citizens 65 years of age and older can apply for an MTA Reduced-Fare MetroCard and can receive a temporary card the same day. Proper proof of age, such as a Medicare Card, is required.

Seniors with Disabilities

People with qualifying disabilities with a Medicare card and a valid photo I.D., such as a driver's license, can apply for a 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, June 29th, Friday, August 31st, Friday, September 28th, Friday, October 26th, Friday, November 30th, Friday, December 28th

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location:

Assemblyman Colton's Community Office
155 Kings Highway
(between West 12th and West 13th Streets)
Brooklyn, NY 11223-1026 • (718) 236-1598

Fighting for Safer Streets

Assemblyman Colton continues to work with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to correct concerns raised by residents. Colton has been successful in getting many needed improvements to our streets and sidewalks, making our daily travels much safer. Here are a few of such improvements:

Road Repairs

- Ave. P between McDonald Ave. and E. 4th St.
- Quentin Rd. between E. 2nd and E. 3rd St.
- Dahill Rd. at Ave. P
- In the vicinity of 1583 W. 5th St.
- Cropsey Ave. and Bay 50th near Belt Parkway (154'x 54') repair
- Cropsey Ave. between Bay 44th and 27th Ave.
- 26th and 27th Ave. from 86th St. to Cropsey Ave.
- Speed bump on Lake St. between Ave. S. and Kings Highway
- Tree pruning near 2253 79th St. and 309 Ave. P., removing obstructed view and street lighting

Traffic Light Replacement/Additions

- Countdown signal at Cropsey and 24th Ave.
- Countdown signal at 65th St. and Bay Parkway
- Traffic lights along Benson Ave.
- Traffic light at Ave. O and E. 3rd St.
- Repaired street light at 2633 63rd St.
- Repaired street light at 2117 80th St.

Sign Replacement/Additions

- No Parking sign at 2475 W. 16th St.
- No Standing sign at Bay 50 St. and W. 16th St. to increase visibility
- No Standing sign at Ave. P and W. 13th St.
- Replacement of signs along Kings Highway and Van Sicklen St., including Ave. S and Van Sicklen St.

Works in Progress

- Leading the fight against the Southwest Brooklyn Waste Transfer Station
- Countdown signal at Bay Parkway and 78th St.
- Road repair: 482 Kings Highway at McDonald Ave.
- Road repair: Woodside Ave. between McDonald Ave. and E. 2nd St.
- Road repair: Ave. P between McDonald Ave. and Ocean Parkway
- Road repair: Quentin Rd. from McDonald Ave. to Coney Island Ave.
- No honking sign: W. 11th St. between Highlawn Ave. and Kings Highway

These traffic and roadway improvements would not have happened if it wasn't for your vigilance in reporting them. Keep up the good work in reporting unsafe road conditions and traffic hazards. Please call Colton's community office at: (718) 236-1598 or visit the community office at: 155 Kings Highway to report a problem.