



## Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

**March 5, 2020**  
**Happy Women's History Month**

**Advisory Notice:** Get ready to 'Spring Forward' as Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020. All clocks should be set forward one hour.

### Updates From Albany

#### **The New York State Legislature Passes \$40 Million in Appropriation to Fight the Coronavirus**

The \$40 million my colleagues and I allocated will help save the lives of New Yorkers. While most people who contract coronavirus do not become seriously ill, we have seen how quickly the disease can spread and the potentially life-threatening effects. Therefore, we must act proactively instead of reactively.

- This funding will purchase lifesaving equipment and supplies and ensure healthcare workers have the training they need to deal with this outbreak.

The State legislature is working expeditiously to reassure New Yorkers that all is being done to curtail this potential health crisis. Ensuring we prepare our health care providers, service care workers and sharing accurate information with the public will allow us to do just that.

**Click to watch my informational video regarding coronavirus.**

Locally, Staten Island University Hospital and Richmond University Medical Center have been working together with officials at all levels of government to coordinate and prepare for potential cases of Coronavirus on Staten Island. Both Emergency Departments and the hospitals they serve, are well prepared and have procedures in place to handle potential cases. Together, our goal is to keep the Staten Island community safe.

- **If you have questions or concerns related to coronavirus, call 311 or the NYS Coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065**



### Meeting with District 61 Healthcare and Mental Health Advocates

I had the privilege to meet with several groups that represent the healthcare and mental health needs of many Staten Islanders. During my discussion with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) we discussed how our community can address the increasing suicide rate among people in need, including law enforcement officers, particularly here on Staten Island. We agreed to keep this important dialogue at the forefront of our partnership and establish a holistic plan to address this serious problem.

- **Community Health Center of Richmond (CHCR)** operates three not-for-profit family health centers on Staten Island, including two facilities in Port Richmond and one in Stapleton-St. George.
  - They provide primary health care and dental care for all ages, along with a range of specialties, including behavioral health care, obstetrics and gynecology, podiatry, nutritional counseling, wellness, and prenatal and post-partum care.
  - They also provide insurance enrollment assistance.



- **NAMI NYC Staten Island** is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1987. They provide support, education, and advocacy on behalf of families affected by mental illness and their loved ones-all free of charge. Their team is comprised of trained volunteers and respected clinicians who donate their time to further their common goals.

Their advocacy is centered on:

- Advance Suicide Prevention
- Support Community Services, Caregivers and the Mental Health Workforce
- Mental Health Housing
- Access to Appropriate Services and Medication
- Address Veteran's Mental Health



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## District 61 News

### **Black History Month: Celebrating Movers and Shakers in the Community**

Black History on Staten Island dates back to the 1830s with the establishment of Sandy Ground, the oldest continuously inhabited free Black settlement in the United States. Since then, there has been a long lineage of black community members that have made strides individually and collectively to improve communities across Staten Island.

It was an honor to join Senator Diane Savino and community members for an end of Black History Month celebration. During the event, we honored five community activists, educators, business owners and all-around change makers who have dedicated their time and energy to building on the legacy of those movers and shakers before them. Congratulations to all the honorees: Kamor Olayokun Jr., Augusta Emokpae, Sahera Threats, Sarah Blas, and Kay Woods for the impactful work you all continue to do. Thank you to the performers, representatives from New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID) for providing Census 2020 information, the community members who shared in our afternoon of community pride and Senator Chuck Schumer for sending a thoughtful video message. It takes a unified village to improve our community!





## Visiting Public School 21

It was my pleasure to sit down with two bright students from Public School 21 for an interview about my journey to becoming their state representative; college and career readiness; and the \$30,000 in funding that I helped to secure for technology updates in their school. It was great to speak to these young scholars about the pressing issues facing our community, including transportation access and vaping. I was extremely impressed by the thoughtful questions, comments, and suggestions these two students posed throughout our conversation. The students of our next generation give me hope that our community will be in good hands if we continue to invest the necessary resources into their development. Thank you to Principal Anthony Cosentino for his great leadership in service to our young students.





### Moore Catholic High School Alumni Recognition

It was my honor to return to my alma mater Moore Catholic to receive an honor of recognition during Black History Month as the school's first alumni to serve as an elected official and the first Black and Muslim in the State legislature from Staten Island. I graduated from Moore in 2008 unclear of what the future had in store for me, however, I knew that the education, opportunities and mentorship I had been afforded would help me achieve anything I set my mind to. It was humbling to return to the school and speak with these ambitious students who are beginning to plan their futures. Thank you to Moore President and Principal Gina DeSantis for her continued leadership and legendary alumni basketball player and now varsity basketball coach, Kyle McAlarney for welcoming me back to my old stomping ground. Once a Maverick, always a Maverick!



## Grants, Scholarships, Internships, and Career Opportunities

- **The Partnerships for Parks Capacity Fund Grant** provides small grants of up to \$3,000 to strengthen the outreach, membership, and program-planning capacity of community groups who care for their neighborhood green spaces in all five boroughs of New York City. **Click here to apply! Applications are due by Sunday, March 15.**
- **The Fiscal Year 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program - Urban Area Request for Applications (RFA)** has been posted on the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services website. Eligible nonprofit organizations may apply for up to a total of \$100,000 in grant funds.
  - **Click here to find information about the RFA and necessary documents**
  - Nonprofit organizations that are applying for this funding opportunity must be prequalified in NYS Grants Management prior to application submission. **Click here to learn more about the prequalification process.**
  - All nonprofit organizations seeking to apply for this funding program must submit their applications to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services via the E-Grants system. **The due date for applications is March 18, 2020 by 5pm.**
  - **For more information, e-mail [Grant.Info@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:Grant.Info@dhses.ny.gov) or call 1-866-837-9133**
- **The Staten Island Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,** is offering two scholarship opportunities, one for graduating high school seniors (**Melody Scott-Decuir College Scholarship**) and another for rising college students (**Teresa A. Gallishaw Memorial Scholarship**). **Both applications are due by April 10, click here to apply!** Email [scholarships@dtsialumnae.org](mailto:scholarships@dtsialumnae.org) for more information.



- **The office of Comptroller Scott Stringer is accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Internship Program!** This is a paid, 9-week program (June 8<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>) and it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. **Interested applicants should click here to apply!** **The application will close this Friday, March 6.**
- **The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU)** is offering a **People's Memorial College Scholarship** to support first-time college students with their career path by offering a monetary incentive to cover qualified college expenses such as partial tuition, schoolbooks, school equipment, and relocation expenses.
  - **The People's Memorial College Scholarship awards two prizes of \$1,000.** This scholarship application is open to members and non-members of LES People's FCU. **Applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2020 at 4pm. Completed applications can also be submitted via email to [aportada@lespfcu.org](mailto:aportada@lespfcu.org). Click here to download an application!**

## Community Resources

- If you are between the ages of 14 and 24, you can get a paid summer experience through the **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**. There are jobs in government, museums, sports, and more. SYEP also leads workshops on finding a job and understanding your finances.
  - **Apply now for a job this summer! The deadline is April 10, 2020**
  - Selection is based on a lottery.
  - Work opportunities are available for youth with disabilities.
  - **Click here to find more details on applying to the 2020 SYEP program**



- The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs advises NYC residents to **call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge"** if you have any questions or concerns about how the 'public charge rule' may impact you. **Click here to stay informed on all Public Charge updates.**
- **Every Saturday from 12pm-4pm the St. George Library, 5 Central Ave, offers a free job search clinic** which provides participants with one on one assistance with their resume, cover letter, and tips on how to ace job interviews. Participants are seen on a first come, first served basis. **Click here to visit their Facebook page see updates and cancellations of sessions.**
- Are you having trouble with your email? Don't know how to cut and paste? Want to practice your computer skills? Bring your questions and learn how to figure out your technology issues! **The St. George Library, 5 Central Ave, also offers Basic Computer Help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Click here to visit their Facebook page for session times.** Participants are seen on a first come, first served basis.
- **Every Saturday from 5pm to 9pm H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths** hosts free soccer lessons for youth ages 8-18 years old at **I.S. 49 at 101 Warren Street. Please contact Heather Butts at 347-489-3060 for more information.**
- **The FDNY and Red Cross** are offering residents free smoke/ CO alarm installations. FDNY will be installing smoke alarms to those who sign up. Schedule an appointment today! **Click here to register or call (877)733-2767.**



## Community Events

- All are welcome to attend a lecture on **"The Powerful Women of Staten Island's Past"** on **Saturday, March 7th at 4:30pm to 6pm at The Noble Maritime Collection located on 1000 Richmond Terrace, Bldg D.** Come learn about the contributions of several amazing women who have impacted Staten Island. **This event is free and open to the public.**
- Join the **Staten Island Museum this Saturday, March 7 from 2pm to 4pm** for the public opening reception of their dynamic new exhibition, **Women of the Nation Arise!**, honoring the centennial of the 19th amendment. Discover how women's right to vote was earned as well as the relevance to present-day considerations of civic engagement and voter participation. **[Click here to find out more information!](#)**

# WOMEN OF THE NATION ARISE!

*Staten Islanders in the Fight for Women's Right to Vote*

- **Beacon Christian Community Health Center** will be hosting free mammogram screenings on **Wednesday, March 11 for women ages 40-79.** Their mobile bus will be parked at **2079 Forest Avenue from 9:30am to 4pm.** Come in for a no-cost mammogram and clinical breast exam. **Call 718-815-6560 or 877-628-9090 to schedule an appointment.**

American-Italian  
**CANCER FOUNDATION**  
www.americanitaliancancer.org  
**EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER SAVES LIVES!**



The **Mammogram Bus** will be here Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>!

Come in for a **No-cost Mammogram** and **Clinical Breast Exam**

Eligibility:

- Woman age 40 - 79
- Currently living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months

**Our services are at no-cost.**

No co-pays required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients also welcomed.

**Hosted by:**

**Beacon Christian Community Health Center**

2079 Forest Ave. Staten Island, NY 10303

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9:30am - 4:00pm

**For an Appointment, Call:**

718-815-6560 or 1-877-628-9090

Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from the American-Italian Cancer Services Program. Additional funding provided by the generous support of the New York City Council, NYCDOH, NYS Assembly and Senate, GreaterGood.org, NVIDIA Foundation, RAR Foundation, Corteva Agriscience, Pfizer and individual patrons.

- **On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an Active Shooter Training at the Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targee Street. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the training to begin at 7pm.** The primary

focus of this presentation is to teach community members how to identify potential threats and tips for improving security within a facility. The NYPD strongly encourages representatives from all houses of worship, sensitive locations and publicly accessible facilities to attend this training. **For more information and to RSVP email [PBSI@nypd.org](mailto:PBSI@nypd.org) or call (718) 667-2219.**

**Counterterrorism Division**  
**NYPD shield**  
 in collaboration with  
**PBSI Community Affairs**  
*Presents...*  
**COMMUNITY ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING SESSION**

**NYPD SHIELD**

**CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

<p><b>1. AVOID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOLLOW POLICE OFFICER'S ROUTE</li> <li>• LEAVE BEHIND ANY BAGS, KEYS, CELL PHONE, ETC.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. BARRICADE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIDE OUT IN SUREST SPOT</li> <li>• BLOCK ENTRY TO ROOMS, PLACES</li> <li>• BLOCK BARRICADE ENTRIES</li> </ul> <p><b>3. CONFRONT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALWAYS TO DISOBEY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS</li> <li>• USE IMPROVISED WEAPONS, USE FORCE AS NECESSARY</li> </ul>	<p><b>INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE 911 CALL CENTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOCATION OF CALLER</li> <li>• IS THE ATTACK IN PROGRESS?</li> <li>• NUMBER OF SUSPECTS</li> <li>• PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SHOOTER</li> <li>• TYPE OF WEAPON</li> <li>• LAST LOCATION OF SHOOTER</li> <li>• NUMBER OF CASUALTY VICTIMS</li> <li>• PRESENCE OF IED, IF KNOWN/USUAL PRACTICE</li> </ul>
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Join us as NYPD shield conducts this vital **ACTIVE SHOOTER** training session. This training is designed to give recommendations in the event you are involved in an active shooter situation.

**Date & Time:**  
 Thursday, March 12, 2020  
 From 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
 (Doors Open at 6:30 pm)

**Location:**  
 Christian Pentecostal Church  
 1020 Targee Street  
 Staten Island, NY 10304  
 (FREE Parking Available On-Site)

If anyone with disabilities/handicap needs assistance please contact:  
 Det. Nunez or Det. Kelly (718) 667-8219

- North Shore residents are invited to the second **Downtown Revitalization Initiative Community Open House** scheduled for **Thursday, March 12 from 5pm to 7pm at 55 Richmond Terrace, in the Empire Outlets VIP Suite on level 3**. Come learn about the DRI process and provide opinions on the proposed

projects. **Free parking is available to those who RSVP by Wednesday, March 11 at [Info@jmtmedia.nyc](mailto:Info@jmtmedia.nyc).**



- Need answers about self-direction, brokerage, or fiscal intermediary services? **Come to Person Centered Care Services' Fiscal Intermediary Q&A Session on Wednesday, March 18th, from 10am to 12pm at their main office on 150 Granite Avenue. Register with Michelle at [mtoye@pccsny.org](mailto:mtoye@pccsny.org) or (718) 370-1088 x224.**

- **Muslim Sisters of Staten Island Inc. and PS 68 are hosting a free Body Safety workshop for the community on Saturday, March 28 from 11am to 3pm.** This is a part of their child abuse awareness and prevention campaign. They will have an interactive workshop for adults and children (separately) a read-aloud about body safety and community resources tabling. Join them for this important workshop.



MUSLIM SISTERS OF STATEN ISLAND  
IN COLLABORATION WITH PS68  
PRESENTS

**MY VOICE IS  
MY SUPER  
POWER!**

**BODY SAFETY  
WORKSHOP FOR  
CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES**

ADULT  
INTERACTIVE  
WORKSHOP  
STEPS TO HELP KEEP  
YOUR CHILD SAFE  
FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

CHILDREN'S  
EMPOWERMENT  
WORKSHOP  
INTERACTIVE  
ACTIVITIES

**MAR 28  
11AM  
TO 3PM**

With Presenter  
Shariqa Shootz, Med. Author  
Founder of Buddy Speaks

For more Information :  
718.374.5182  
muslimsistersofsi@gmail.com

RSVP: [http://bit.ly/  
BodySafety2020](http://bit.ly/BodySafety2020)

**P.S 68**  
1625 Forest Ave  
Staten Island,  
NY 10302

Workshop facilitated  
by  
Buddy Speaks

- Looking for an activity? Unity Games is having its **18th Annual Unity Games on March 21st and 22nd at Susan E. Wagner High School, 1200 Manor Road.** Staten Island youths in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who are interested must register online before the deadline on **Saturday, March 7th.** [Click here to register](#) or for more information call **(917) 640-7593.**

**6th, 7th & 8th GRADE  
BOYS & GIRLS**

JOIN THE  
**18th Annual  
UNITY GAMES**

March 21st & 22nd, 2020 8:30 am - 6 pm  
(Attendance mandatory at both days of Unity Games)

**Site: Wagner High School, 1200 Manor Road**

**Team Selection Mandatory - March 7, 2020 9-11 am**

Basketball Games  
Educational Workshops  
Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks  
Unity Project  
Game Room  
Music & DJ's

**What Are The Unity Games?**  
The Unity Games are a combination of basketball games mixed with youth activities that help promote respect and understanding among the youth of our community. All participants will be assigned to an interracial team. Team selection will be made by the Sports Committee.

**Goal**  
To improve community relationships among youth and to build a better understanding of one another and to make friends.

Register on line at [www.TheUnityGames.com](http://www.TheUnityGames.com)  
**Registration deadline by March 7, 2020**  
On-Line Registration Only  
For more information call (917) 640-7593  
Free bus transportation available.

Cost: Absolutely FREE!  
Team Uniforms & Giveaways

- Jobs-plus Staten Island, in partnership with NYC Thrive is offering free 8-hour Adult Mental Health First Aid Training on Monday, March 30 at the Jobs Plus Office on 30 Bay Street, 4th FL. To earn your certificate [click here to register](#) or call/text (718) 285-8488 for more information.



Sincerely,

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Member of Assembly

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