



Assemblyman
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Assembly District 61

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
August 19, 2021

District 61 News

RUMC Funding Announcement

Last week, Assemblyman Mike Cusick and I announced funding for the Cure Violence team working at RUMC to help curb gun violence in the North Shore. We stood with Dr. Daniel J. Messina, President, and CEO of RUMC, the Cure Violence team, and several other leaders, at the ambulance receiving area at

RUMC where their team meets far too many victims of senseless shootings. This funding is a commitment to confronting this epidemic of gun violence head-on every step of the way and I am proud that we were able to secure it.



UAU Student Visit

It is always a pleasure to revisit my roots and step back to where it all started. PS 44 has always been a second family and I was excited to visit some of our students last week at the school. Students from both

PS 44 and PS 20 were attending the UAU camp and I got to see the wonderful activities our youth was participating in. Thank you to UAU for the invitation and for always providing our students with quality programs.



Summer Mobile Office

I am excited to announce that our Summer Mobile Office is back in full force. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday my team will be out in the neighborhoods of the 61st Assembly District supporting our community. If you spot our blue tent, come over and say hello.



Updates from Albany

Update on the Governor's sexual misconduct case.

On Tuesday, August 10th, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that he would resign from office due to further investigations into his sexual misconduct and intimidation charges. The resignation officially goes into effect at midnight, August 24th where Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul will be sworn into office as the 57th and first woman governor of New York State.

- The Assembly Judiciary Committee held a meeting in executive session to address the NYS Attorney General report on the investigation of Governor Cuomo's sexual misconduct.
 - Although it was established after the Judiciary meeting that the investigation would continue and articles of impeachment were imminent soon, it was determined the Assembly's impeachment process would be suspended after the Governor announced his resignation.
 - However, the Judiciary Committee will continue to review the evidence and issue a final report on its investigation of Governor Cuomo.
 - In doing so, the committee will take all appropriate steps to ensure that this effort does not interfere with various ongoing investigations by the United States Attorney concerning nursing home data, the State Attorney General concerns with the Governor's memoir and local law enforcement authorities in five jurisdictions regarding possible criminal incidents of sexual misconduct.
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Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. [On September 5, 2021 several federal unemployment benefit programs will expire across the country, per federal law. The federal benefit programs that will expire are:](#)
 - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
 - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
 - Extended Benefits (EB)
 - \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
 - \$100 Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)
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2. [The Mayor announced the Key to NYC vaccination mandate for indoor dining, entertainment and fitness has begun, August 17. Enforcement will begin, with a multi-agency coalition, on September 13.](#)
Read the Executive Order [here](#). "New York City has one mission: defeat the delta variant and build a recovery for all of us," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "The Key to NYC sends a powerful message that vaccination will unlock our city's potential, and we'll stop at nothing to save lives and keep New Yorkers safe."
3. [As of August 1st, New Yorkers can get \\$100, free tickets, memberships, or gifts for getting vaccinated against COVID-19. These giveaways will be available for a limited time. If you get your first vaccine dose at a New York City-run vaccine location, you will be eligible to choose one of the incentives listed below, including a \\$100 prepaid debit card.](#) If an individual receives their first dose on July 28 or 29, they should wait until July 30 to [click here](#) to redeem their \$100 pre-paid debit card. Once your first COVID-19 vaccine dose is complete, you will receive an email with instructions on how to select your money or incentive. You can also call

877-VAX4NYC (877-829-4692) to learn more. Book an appointment at any site listed on the [NYC COVID-19 Vax4NYC Appointment Scheduler](#) or call 877-VAX4NYC (877-829-4692) to find a participating site.

4. [**It was announced that patient-facing healthcare workers at state-run hospitals will be required to get vaccinated for COVID-19 by Labor Day.**](#) There will not be an option to be tested in lieu of vaccination for these patient-facing healthcare workers. It was also announced that all New York State employees—about 130,000 people—will be required to get vaccinated for COVID-19 by Labor Day. State employees who do not get vaccinated will be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. New York State is working with state unions to implement the requirement quickly and fairly.
5. [**The CUNY Comeback Program is a sweeping plan to eliminate up to \\$125 million in unpaid debt for at least 50,000 students who attended CUNY and suffered financial hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic.**](#) The initiative is one of the nation's largest student debt forgiveness plans of its kind. Additionally, students who did not accrue unpaid tuition and fee balances during the period but experienced financial hardship stemming from the pandemic will receive relief in the form of enhanced Student Emergency Grants. The CUNY Comeback Program will be funded through federal stimulus assistance allocated to CUNY.
6. [**Following the gun violence prevention community meeting for Staten Island, it was announced that 88 jobs will be available for at-risk youth living in ZIP code 10304.**](#) The state will provide funding to create 44 summer jobs for youth aged 15 to 24 in this zone to keep them employed until the start of school this year. The State is also partnering with the Consortium for Worker Education to provide job training and placement into long-term jobs for 44 young people who are out of school and live in this zone.

7. **Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:**

- The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or [clicking here](#)
 - The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or [clicking here](#)
 - SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769
- [**Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category.**](#) Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. [**Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you, and schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.**](#)
 - [Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.](#)

8. **Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.**

- View the Test-and-Trace Corps [**COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard**](#) for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
 - [**Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.**](#)
 - [**Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.**](#)
- Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.
- Individuals that are unable to safely isolate themselves at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. [**Click here to learn more**](#) or call (844) 692-4692. [**Please click here**](#)

if you have any further questions.

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

- 1. The Mayor's office is inviting all Staten Island residents to take part in the City Hall in your Borough, City Resource Fair this Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 from 12:00PM - 4:00PM**

The Office of the Mayor cordially invites you to

CITY HALL IN YOUR BOROUGH:



**Tuesday, August 24, 2021
12:00-4:00pm**

**JCC Cornerstone Gerard Carter Center
230 Broad Street
Staten Island, NY 10304**

Meet with city commissioners and senior staff to address all your questions and concerns, including, quality of life, public health, safety and much more.

Attendees who are age 12 or over must present proof of COVID-19 vaccination to attend the resource Fair. Proof of vaccination includes at least one dose of FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinations will be available on site

To RSVP:

- Email rsvpcau@cityhall.nyc.gov or call **212-346-5795**



2. SCORE Staten Island is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping both aspiring and established entrepreneurs get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through cost-free education and a confidential mentorship. The organization is Chapter 476 of the nationwide SCORE. As a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. It has both local mentors who have proved to be successful in their fields, and a network of 10,000 volunteer mentors across the country providing web-based seminars and resources. It can provide:

- Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many different industries
- Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email, phone, or video
 - Free business tools, templates, and tips online
 - Inexpensive or free business workshops (locally) and webinars (online 24/7)
- For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, SCORE-Staten Island may be visited [here](#). Or you call them at 718-727-1221; email at info@scoresi.org and visit on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

3. If you're a renter having trouble paying your rent, utilities, or other housing costs – or if you're a landlord trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation – help may be available. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic. [Visit the CFPB's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to find out what this means for you and what you can do. The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.
4. Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you. If you need free legal help during the COVID-19 crisis, for matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice, and more, call them at **718-233-6480**.



**DO YOU NEED
FREE LEGAL HELP
DURING THE
COVID-19 CRISIS?**

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

■ Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues	■ Immigration
■ Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid	■ Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
■ Eviction/Ilegal Lockouts	■ Student Loan and Debt Collection
■ Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention	■ Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
■ Small Business Advice	■ Education
	■ LGBTQ/HIV+

CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.
718-233-6480

STATEN ISLAND
Legal Services NYC
DEMAND JUSTICE

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judiciary foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our team conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

WHAT WE DO

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Ms. M, a 68-year-old Black homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses. For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company refused to accept Ms. M's monthly payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment for three years. Ms. M tried to make arrangements with it, but it would not accept her though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

CONTACT US

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by calling our toll-free hotline line at 1-877-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

Bronx: Jacob Inwald
Chwide Director
Foreclosure Prevention
jinaldi@lnyc.org

Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention Network
Economic Development Unit
alexlorenzo@lnyc.org

Brooklyn: Shabnam Faraki
Interim Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project
shabnam@lnyc.org

Queens: Christopher Newton
Acting Director, Queens Foreclosure and Consumer Rights Project
cnewton@lnyc.org

Staten Island: Sara Managh
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project
smanagh@lnyc.org

5. Project Hospitality provides a wide range of services to our communities. From vaccinations to mental health guidance to help applying for rental assistance. See flyers below for more information.

Free COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Every Month

ID and Insurance Not Required

Choose Pfizer for age 12+, 2 doses
or Johnson & Johnson for age 18+, 1 dose

June - September 2021
Weather Permitting

It's Free!

Every First Tuesday (June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7)
Help Center: 514 Bay St. Staten Island, NY 10304
9am-1pm

Every Third Thursday (June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16)
Help Center: 221 Heberton Ave. Staten Island, NY 10302
3pm-7pm

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
(June 8, 22, July 13, 27, Aug 10, 24, Sept 14, 28)
El Centro del Inmigrante
260 Port Richmond Ave. SI, NY 10302
4pm-7pm

Walk-In or Schedule an Apt.
For more info call:
929-202-1492



Need to talk?



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Feeling uncertain,
overwhelmed,
anxious during COVID?



Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

We provide . . .

- Information
- Education
- Emotional support
- Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions to COVID
- Building coping skills for the recovery process
- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

Contact Us!

(718)608-7900

HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

We are here for YOU.

Free, anonymous & confidential

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

DO I QUALIFY?

Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

Local Community Organization Information:



Call 929-724-5360 or email
erap@projecthospitality.org for assistance
submitting your application from one of Project
Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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6. Small Business Resources:

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis. The PPP application for all lenders is now open. There

are limited funds, so applicants are advised to apply early! [Click here for more information and to find the right application for your business.](#)

- In preparation for your application, gather your documentation. For a complete list of required documents and additional PPP information, [click here](#).
 - **List of participating lenders:**
 - Lower East Side People's Credit Union- North Shore Branch, for PPP inquiries, email lending@lespcfucu.org or apply directly online on their [website](#).
 - TruFund, [click here for an application](#) or email Mark Brazier (English) at MBrazier@trufund.org or Marcos Reyes (Spanish) at mreyes@trufund.org.

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. **Planning a music curriculum?** Educators in the New York City area are invited to apply for **Link Up: Carnegie Hall's interactive curriculum that introduces students in grades 3–5 to the orchestra.** This year, students explore what makes a great melody in The Orchestra Sings curriculum as they dive into works by Beethoven, Stravinsky, Reena Esmail, and more. At the end of the year, students sing and play the recorder with a professional orchestra in an inspiring culminating concert at Carnegie Hall in May 2022. **For more information about Link Up or to apply for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit [here](#) or email the Link Up team at linkup@carnegiehall.org.**
2. **Networking Plus Info Session** is a virtual discussion offering support for employment services, healthcare coverage, and more. If you are interested please see the flyer below:

NETWORKING PLUS Info Session

A virtual discussion offering support for
Employment services, Healthcare coverage and more...



If interested please send confirmation to:

waltopa@metropplus.org or Elizabeth.LopezRivera@equusworks.com

JOIN US WITH ZOOM on August 25 at 11 a.m.

Call in: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 858 565 8953 Password: 5JPpro

 MetroPlusHealth



3. Health and Beauty inside and out Workshop presented by **MetroPlusHealth** will take place next

Saturday, August 28th, 2021. Located at 238 Port Richmond Ave. From 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.



4. The YMCA is looking for counselors. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

WORK AT THE SI COUNSELING YMCA!

Do you want to work for an organization that continuously strives to make a positive impact in New York City?

The YMCA is New York City's leading nonprofit community service and wellness organization. In all five boroughs, the Y gives all New Yorkers the access and opportunities they need to improve their health and well-being, strengthen their communities, and reach their full potential.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS
AVAILABLE IN:

- Hospitality Agent
- Counselor – Little Steps Program
- Family Counselor
- Prevention Counselor
- Nurse Practitioner/Pediatric Psychiatrist
- And more

LEARN MORE AT YMCANYC.ORG/CAREERS

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APPLY HERE

the YMCA

YMCA OF GREATER NEW YORK
Where there's a Y,
there's a way.

5. The Central Family Life Center is now accepting applications for their free Career Training Programs. **Call (718) 273-8414 ext.8** and see the flyer below for more information.



THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER
YOUTHBUILD
IMPACT

Now Accepting Applications for our **FREE** Career Training Programs
Please Call (718) 273-8414 ext. 8

QUALIFICATIONS:

17-24 years old, No HS diploma, Out of School, Not Working During the Day,
and Live on Staten Island

Let's Get It!!

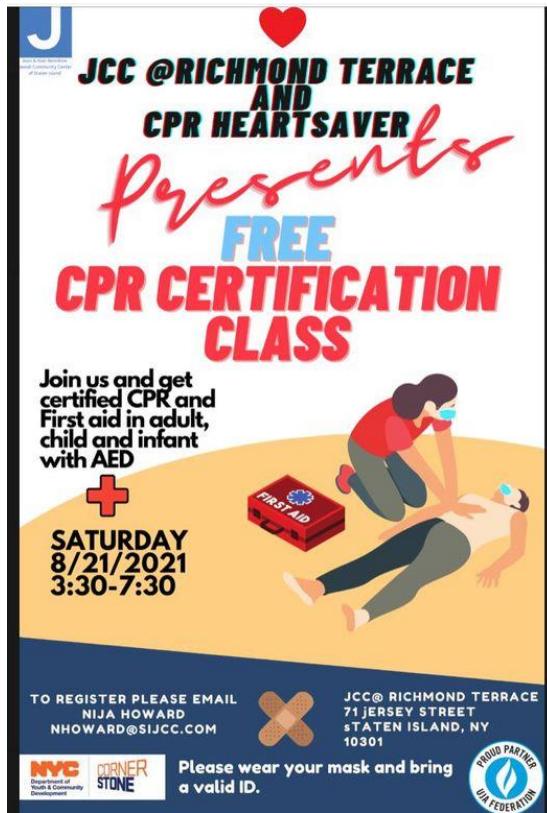
Get Paid, Get your High School Equivalency Diploma, Get Certified and Get a Job!

For more info visit us at www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact

117 WRIGHT STREET, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

The Central Family Life Center is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. Available educational services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. YouthBuild IMPACT receives funding support from the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development.

6. **JCC at Richmond Terrace and CPR Heartsaver Presents Free CPR Certification Class.** Get certified CPR and First aid in adults, children and infants with AED. **Saturday, August 21st from 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM.** See **flyers below for more details.**



7. Are you an artist? Are you interested in community centered art? Artists see the flyer below to apply for Artbridge's NYCHA project.



Deadline: August 31 2021

Through City Artist Corps, we're expanding our Bridging the Divide Program, in which artists design public artworks that reflect the lives, histories, cultures, talents, and aspirations of NYCHA residents.

Artists will receive a stipend for \$6,000

Questions? Email alexandra@art-bridge.org

8. The Forest Ave Comeunity Fridge is a group from Mariners Harbor looking to help out our community with Food Insecurity.

@FORESTAVECOMEUNITYFRIDGE

WHO ARE WE?

We are a collaborative group, born and raised on the North Shore, who are passionate about addressing the health food disparity in our neighborhood of Mariners Harbor. The foundation of our initiative is "take what you need, leave what you don't" and "we keep us fed and healthy!" – in hopes of **creating a culture of unity, interdependence, community restoration and empowerment** in Mariners Harbor.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

A Community Fridge is a fridge that provides **free and healthy food** for community members. The fridges offer access to fresh produce, healthy grains and perishable items to communities that do not have a lot of access to healthy food options.



HOW CAN MY BUSINESS HELP?

Your business can help by donating surplus food to our fridge or allowing us to purchase food at reduced costs.

WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

In recent political and racial events, many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to fight against racial inequity. Community fridges represent mutual aid – the idea that solidarity not charity is what communities need in order to become fairer and stronger. By donating food to our fridge, your business will be taking part in our ongoing movement for creating justice – first within our communities.

9. **Stapleton Saturdays beginning June 12th - August 28th. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Van Duzer St will be closed to traffic for summer activities.**

Public Notice:

→ Stapleton Saturdays! ←



On Saturdays from June 12 - Aug 28, 11 AM to 5 PM, Van Duzer Street will be closed to car traffic between Wright St and Beach St! Why?...


Live Music

Face Painting

Balloon Animals


Yoga and meditation

Art classes

And more!

Questions? Comments?
info@vanduzercivic.org
or
PO Box 40666, SI, NY, 10304



Van Duzer Street Civic Association

10. **H.E.A.L.T.H.S for Youths presents their Community Health Fair on Sunday, August 22nd 2021, 9AM - 1PM at Skyline Community Garden, 1 Clyde Place, SI, NY**

H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths



Lehrer Prize for Community Well-being Community Health Fair

Sunday, August 22 2021, 9am - 1pm
Skyline Community Garden
1 Clyde Place, Staten Island, NY

- Composting
- Classroom Supplies
- Coat/Clothing Drive
- Health Education
- Pop-up Fresh Food Pantry
- Little Free Library Installation
- Community Gardening
- COVID-19 Information Booth
- & Healthy Recipes

Pop-Up Vaccination Site
Please use this link or QR code to sign up for a vaccine appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/9kd3wfsc>



SCAN ME

please email heather.butts@health4youths.org for details

11.

12. **NYC Parks is looking for volunteers to join Monday morning clean-up projects. See the flyer below for more information.**

Show your park some love and join a **Monday Morning Pitch-In!**

New York City's parks are being used more than ever before as a result of the pandemic, which often means more litter. You can help!

NYC Parks is looking for volunteers to join Monday morning clean-up projects to help pick up trash after a busy summer weekend. Projects typically last three to four hours and NYC Parks provides all supplies.

Your invaluable help will make parks cleaner, safer, and greener for our families, pets, friends, and neighbors. To sign up, visit nyc.gov/parks/stoplitter.

JOIN A MONDAY MORNING PITCH-IN AT:

Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island
Meet at the parking lot. Dates: June 7, June 21, July 12, August 2, and August 23.

Willowbrook Park, Staten Island
Meet at the comfort station. Dates: June 7, June 28, July 19, August 9, and August 30.

Bloomingdale Park, Staten Island
Meet at the comfort station. Dates: June 14, July 6, July 26, August 16, and September 7.

Time: 9a.m.-12p.m.

Please note: Monday Morning Pitch-In's will take place on the Tuesday following a Monday holiday.

For more information contact
ItsMyPark@cityparksfoundation.org



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles D. Fall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Charles" on top and "Fall" below it, slightly slanted.

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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DISTRICT OFFICE: 853 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310. 718-442-9932, FAX 718-442-9942

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