



## Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

August 26, 2021

### District 61 News

#### **Lopez Playground Ribbon Cutting**

The Lopez Playground renovation has been a special project for me ever since my time at Parks. Even before I became a state representative I worked and advocated with my now colleague, Councilwoman Rose for this reconstruction. I am proud that she and I could stand alongside other community leaders to present Park Hill with space for youth activities, adult fitness, community gathering, and so much more.



**NYC Fast Ferry**

The NYC Fast Ferry has been a successful program throughout New York and I am excited it has finally made its debut in our borough. Staten Islanders have some of the worst commute times in the country and this fast ferry will significantly improve the commute of many residents on the North Shore. I want to thank the Mayor and Borough President Oddo for making this possible.



**Gotham Health Mural Unveiling**

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of being present at the unveiling of a new mural at the Gotham Health Vanderbilt facility. The piece titled "New Light", by artist Cara Lynch was a work inspired by healthcare workers and patients and dedicated to those same folks. The art installation captures the spirit of Gotham Health in a vibrant and colorful manner. I want to thank the leadership over at the facility for all the work they do for our community.



**COJO SI Pre-Rosh Hashanah Food Distribution**

It was an honor to join COJO Staten Island for the Pre-Rosh Hashanah food distribution. COJO is consistently working to provide resources and groceries to Staten Islanders and I am grateful for the partnership we have together.



**City Resource Fair**

As part of "City Hall in Your Borough" the Mayor's office hosted a City Agency Resource Fair at the Gerard Carter Center in Stapleton. I had a great time seeing so many of our community partners and city agencies come together in one place. I am thankful for the Mayor's efforts in bringing all these resources to our community.



## 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.



**Assemblyman Charles D. Fall**  
**SUMMER MOBILE OFFICE**

CONSTITUENT SERVICES COMING TO  
A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

September 1st - West Brighton Community Center  
230 Broadway

September 2nd - Outside of District Office  
In partnership with CHASI  
853 Forest Ave

- Receive Covid-19 Updates
- Unemployment Insurance Support
- Free PPE and Hand sanitizer and more

For more information, please contact  
Parnellj@nyassembly.gov or (718) 442-9932

In partnership with:  
**Community Health Action**  
of Staten Island | A member of  
Sun River Health

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### Updates from Albany

**Earlier this week, Kathy Hochul was sworn in as the 57th Governor of the State of New York, joined by immediate family members, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.**

**Governor Hochul also delivered a virtual address to the people of New York State.**

**Governor Hochul:** "To those New Yorkers who have yet to meet me. I say this: you may not know me. But I know you. In my travels to all 62 counties every year, I've walked your streets, met you at diners, supported your small businesses, listened to farmers, engaged local officials, and worked to revitalize long neglected downtowns."

**Hochul:** "I believe with every fiber in my body, that this is our time. Our time to escape the oppression of a deadly virus and make our schools and workplaces safe for return. Our time to build trust between communities and law enforcement, invest in mental health resources, and address the root problems of crime and keep our residents and children safe. Our time to make greater progress in ending the ugly specter of systemic racism. Our time to help small businesses and create new jobs for New Yorkers hit hard by the pandemic. Our time to unleash the power of New York's women, and to make sure that any barriers to success and opportunity are eradicated once and for all. And our time to show the world that 'ever upward' is more than just our State's motto. It's who we are. And where we are going. This is our time to look forward with a powerful sense of optimism and determination. It will not be easy. And we have a lot of work to do."

**Governor Kathy Hochul also announced the selection of Brian Benjamin for Lieutenant Governor.**

Senator Benjamin and Governor Hochul have previously worked together on several key issues, including fighting the opioid epidemic and boosting addiction recovery programs, supporting MWBE business owners and making it easier for New Yorkers to vote.

Senator Benjamin previously served as the New York State Senator for District 30 - which encompasses Harlem, East Harlem, and the Upper West Side - Chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Budget and Senior Assistant Majority Leader, where he distinguished himself as a leader in criminal justice reform and affordable housing. Senator Benjamin remains heavily involved in his community in Harlem.

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**Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community**

1. [\*\*Governor Hochul announced a series of changes to both attract more applications and accelerate payments within New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.\*\*](#) Under the Governor's direction, the state will invest an additional \$1 million in marketing and outreach efforts to raise awareness about the rent relief program, the available funding, and the strong tenant eviction protections in place for those who apply. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the program, will analyze application data to target areas of the state with relatively low numbers of applications.

2. **[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)**
3. **[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.”
4. **[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 prepaid 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.
5. **[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.
6. **[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.

7. **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.
  
8. **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.**
  
9. **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.**

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### **Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs**

1. 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](mailto:info@scoresi.org) and visit on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
2. **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.**
  3. **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
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
- LGBTQ/HIV+

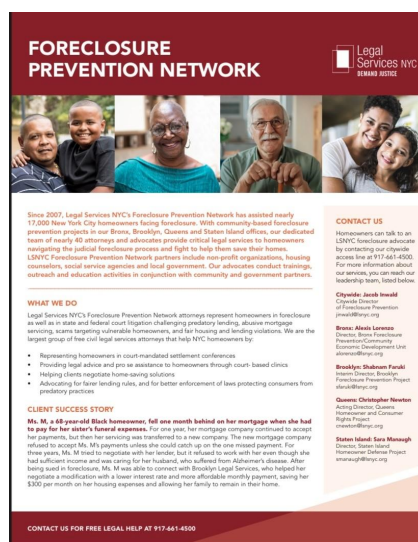
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Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

**718-233-6480**

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**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK**

Legal Services NYC

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 judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and advice 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, loans targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fee housing and lending practices. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-managed settlement conferences.
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics.
- Helping clients negotiate home saving solutions.
- Advocating for more 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 payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it would not work with her even though she had sufficient income and was paying 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 payments, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

**CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500**

**CONTACT US**

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by contacting our crisis care lines at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below:

**Chair:** Jacob Inwald  
Co-Chair: Director of Foreclosure Prevention  
pres@legalservicesnyc.org

**Exec. Dir.:** Alan Lawrence  
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention-Community Services Development Unit  
alan@legalservicesnyc.org

**Brooklyn:** Shaheen Faridi  
Intern Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project  
shaheen@legalservicesnyc.org

**Queens:** Christopher Newton  
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project  
cnewton@legalservicesnyc.org

**Staten Island:** Sara Muench  
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project  
smuench@legalservicesnyc.org

4. You may be eligible for the [Rent Freeze Program](#) to freeze your rent at an amount you can afford.
- If you are already enrolled in the Rent Freeze Program, you are required to renew your benefit in order to continue saving on your rent.
- Whether you are enrolled in the Rent Freeze Program or interested in applying, please attend a virtual information session to learn how to apply for or renew the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) or Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE). [Click here to register for the next info session on August 31st at 1:00 PM](#)
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](mailto: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.

### HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

### Local Community Organization Information:

Call 929-724-5360 or email [info@projecthospitality.org](mailto:info@projecthospitality.org) for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) or call 844-NY'RENT (844-691-7368)

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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6. **Small Business Resources:**

- [For counseling and help services through SBS click here.](#)
- [Procurement Center Representatives \(PCRs\)](#) help small businesses win federal contracts. PCRs view many federal acquisition and procurement strategies before they're announced. This enables them to influence opportunities that should be set aside for small businesses. PCRs also conduct market research, assist small businesses with payment issues, provide counseling on the contracting process, and more.
- **Subcontracting Program Assistance (SPA)** can help you with subcontracting questions after a contract is awarded. SPA can help you with tools to match prime contractors and subcontractors, help small businesses market their services to prime contractors, and more.
- **SBA Learning Center.** The SBA offers free online courses to help small businesses understand government contracting. You can find these video classes in the [SBA Learning Center](#).

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**Useful Events and Opportunities**

1. **The Central Family Life Center presents A Day of Faith, Care and Service.** Pick up a free bag of fresh veggies and fruits for everyone receiving a vaccine. **Sunday August 29th 2021 at 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM** located at **117 Wright St.**

**The Health and Wellness Ministry of First Central**



**Baptist Church**

Pick up a free bag of fresh veggies and fruits for everyone receiving a vaccine

Covid 19 vaccine \$100.00 incentive

PPE swag bags

Sign up for appointments October 9th Mammogram screening

**A Day of Faith, Care and Service**



**CENTRAL FAMILY  
LIFE CENTER**

Sunday August 29th 2021  
9:00 AM-6:00PM

117 Wright Street Staten Island, NY 10304

2. **The Park Hill Unity Day is this Sunday August, 29th. From 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM enjoy games, giveaways, food, music and more.** For more details see the flyer below.



3. **Brothers Care and Elliot John Present their Community Food Giveaway at Richmond Terrace Houses.** See the flyer below for more information.



4. **The Mariners Harbor Back 2 School Pop Up is happening tomorrow, Friday, August 27th from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. See the flyer below for more information.**



5. **UAU is hosting a September 11th Day of Service on the 20th annual observance next month. For more information contact: [SSHapiro@unitedactivities.org](mailto:SSHapiro@unitedactivities.org)**



6. **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](mailto:linkup@carnegiehall.org).**

7. 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**.

**HEALTH AND BEAUTY** *inside + out*  
WORKSHOP

*Free event for the whole family!*

FOR ADULTS / PARENTS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH

**Health Insurance** Presentation | **Skin Care** Demonstration

FOR CHILDREN - FREE BOOK & GIFT BAG

**Child Literacy** Activities

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!  
TO REGISTER GO TO: [HTTPS://RB.GY/8PY9RO](https://rb.gy/8py9ro)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BY OPENING YOUR CAMERA APP TO VIEW THE LINK

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 28, 2021**  
238 PORT RICHMOND AVE. STATEN ISLAND  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

PRESENTED BY: **MetroPlusHealth** SKIN CARE CONSULTANTS

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

9. **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  
**YOUTH BUILD**

**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](http://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. Auxiliary and/or services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. YouthBuild IMPACT Facility Building is supported by the U.S. Dept of Labor and the NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development.



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



**Apply here - [bit.ly/artbridge-cac](https://bit.ly/artbridge-cac)  
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](mailto:alexandra@art-bridge.org)

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

#### **@FORESTAVECOMUNITYFRIDGE**

##### **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.*

12. **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	 Yoga and meditation
 Face Painting	 Art classes
 Balloon Animals	 And more!

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



Van Duzer Street Civic Association

13. **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](http://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](mailto:ItsMyPark@cityparksfoundation.org)




NYC Parks

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "F".

Charles D. Fall

Member of Assembly

**ALBANY OFFICE: Room 534, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248.  
518-455-4677, FAX 518-455-5946**

**DISTRICT OFFICE: [853 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310](#). 718-442-9932,  
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