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Important Topics Covered in this Newsletter

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Assemblyman Herman Daniel "Denny" Farrell, Jr. on May 26, 2018.

The community has lost one of its most ardent advocates and supporters this year. Assemblyman Herman "Denny" Farrell has devoted his life to the betterment of our community with decades of public service even before his 42-year tenure as a New York State Assemblyman. As my longtime friend and mentor, I will miss Denny greatly and will continue to serve as this district's Assemblyman with the same dedication that Denny had.

Standing In Opposition to Proposed Methadone Clinic in Our District

Argus Community Inc. has proposed a new methadone clinic at 730 St. Nicholas Avenue. They initially received the approval from Community Board 9 because their proposal stated that the site would be used for commercial purposes; because of the alleged discrepancies CB9 support has since been withdrawn. Due to the site's close proximity to neighborhood schools, I stand with Community Board 9, the Coalition of Elected Officials, and the Sugar Hill Neighborhood Coalition in opposition of the license issued to Argus Community Inc. I will work to ensure that the methadone clinic will not be built at this site.

Ensuring the Protection of Our Children through the Elijah Bill

After meeting with the parents of Elijah Silvera and upon hearing of his tragic death from them, I have prime-sponsored the Elijah Bill (No. A10031A) that requires childcare service providers to have epinephrine auto-injectors, commonly known as EpiPens, on-site at all times. Furthermore, childcare service providers must also have emergency treatment plans and guidelines in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to allergens for children with severe allergies. Protecting the future of our children is of utmost importance to me and I will work with my colleagues in Albany to ensure that this bill becomes law.

Scheduled Closing of Some 3-Train and 1-Train Stations

The MTA has announced that the 145th Street 3-Train Station and the 168th, 181st and 191st Street 1-Train Stations will be closed for long periods of time. If you require more information regarding this, please call our office!

Emergency Sanitation Meeting with Community Board 10 and Other Elected Officials

On June 25th, 2018 Community Board 10 (CB10) conducted an emergency meeting regarding the cleanliness of the community's streets, in which many community members

and elected officials such as myself were present. After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that the block associations will be submitting to CB10 a report of all the areas that are in critical need of trash cans, which will then be relayed to DSNY to take the appropriate and necessary action. Simply taking away trash cans will not educate the community on proper garbage disposal methods and the DSNY has overstepped by doing so. We must work together as a community to increase the cleanliness of our neighborhood and I will be taking more steps to ensure the safety and beauty of our community.

Bringing My Office to You!

My staff and I will be bringing our office to you on the streets every Thursday of July and August so that we can assist you better. I am committed to serving my district and am in high hopes that this will help me reach all of you even better! The dates for the Stoop Chats and Mobile Office are as follows:

Stoop Chats: July 5th, 2018, July 12th, 2018, July 19th, 2018, and July 26th, 2018

Mobile Office: August 2nd, 2018, August 9th, 2018, August 16th, 2018, August 23rd, 2018, and August 30th, 2018

Please call our office for locations and more information!

Temas importantes presentados en este noticiario

Con gran tristeza anunciamos el fallecimiento del asambleísta Herman Daniel "Denny" Farrell, Jr., el 26 de mayo de 2018

Este año, la comunidad perdió a uno de sus más ardientes defensores y fuentes de apoyo. El asambleísta Herman "Denny" Farrell dedicó su vida al mejoramiento de nuestra comunidad prestando décadas de servicio público aún desde antes de su período como Asambleísta del Estado de Nueva York durante 42 años. Como mi antiguo amigo y mentor, extrañaré mucho a Denny, y continuará sirviendo como el Asambleísta de este distrito con la misma dedicación que él tenía.

Oponiéndonos a la clínica de metadona propuesta en nuestra distrito

Argus Community Inc., ha propuesto una nueva clínica de metadona en el 730 de la avenida St. Nicholas. Inicialmente recibió la aprobación de la Junta de la Comunidad 9 porque su propuesta indicaba que el lugar sería utilizado para propósitos comerciales; debido a las discrepancias la Junta de la Comunidad 9 ha retirado su apoyo. En vista de la proximidad del lugar a las escuelas de la comunidad, me uno a la Junta de la Comunidad 9, la Coalición de Oficiales Electos, la Coalición de Comunidades de Sugar Hill en oposición al permiso emitido a Argus Community Inc. Trabajaré para asegurar que la clínica de metadona no se construya en este lugar.

Garantizando la seguridad de nuestros niños mediante el Proyecto de Ley de Elijah

Después de reunirme con los padres de Elijah Silvera y tras escuchar sobre la trágica muerte de su hijo, he auspiciado el Proyecto de Ley de Elijah (No. A10031A), que requiere que los proveedores de cuidado infantil tengan los dispositivos de inyección automática de epinefrina, comúnmente conocidos como EpiPens, disponibles todo el tiempo. Además, los proveedores de cuidado infantil también deben tener planes de tratamiento y reglamentos de emergencia en un esfuerzo para reducir los riesgos a la exposición de los alérgenos para los niños con alergias severas. Proteger el futuro de nuestros niños es de máxima importancia para mí y trabajaré con mis colegas en Albany para asegurar que este proyecto se convierta en ley.

Cierre programado de algunas estaciones de las líneas de tren 3 y 1

La Autoridad Metropolitana de Transporte (MTA, por sus siglas en inglés) ha anunciado que la estación del tren 3 en la Calle 145 y las estaciones del tren 1 en las Calles 168, 181 y 191 estarán cerradas por largos períodos de tiempo. Si requieren más información sobre este tema, favor de llamar a nuestra oficina.

Reunión de sanidad de emergencia con la Junta de la Comunidad 10 y otros oficiales electos

El 25 de junio de 2018, la Junta de la Comunidad 10 (CB10, por sus siglas en inglés) realizó una reunión de emergencia sobre la limpieza de las calles de la comunidad, en la que muchos miembros de la comunidad y oficiales electos como yo estuvimos presente. Tras un largo

debate, se concluyó que las asociaciones de calles someterán un informe a la CB10 de todas las áreas que tienen una alta necesidad de contenedores de basura, que luego será presentado al Departamento de Sanidad de Nueva York (DSNY, por sus siglas en inglés) para que tome las acciones apropiadas y necesarias. Simplemente llevar contenedores de basura no educará a la comunidad sobre los métodos apropiados de eliminación de basura y al hacerlo, el DSNY se ha excedido. Debemos de trabajar juntos como comunidad para aumentar la limpieza de nuestra comunidad y estaré tomando más pasos para garantizar la seguridad y belleza de nuestra comunidad.

¡Llevando mi oficina a usted!

Mi personal y yo estaremos llevando nuestra oficina a usted todos los jueves de los meses de julio y agosto para poder ayudarlo mejor. Estoy comprometido a servir a mi distrito y estoy esperanzado en que esto me ayudará a acercarme a ustedes ¡aún más! Las fechas para las Charlas en las Escalinatas y para los servicios de la Oficina Móvil son las siguientes:

Charlas en las Escalinatas: 5 de julio de 2018, 12 de julio de 2018, 19 de julio de 2018 y 26 de julio de 2018

Oficina Móvil: 2 de agosto de 2018, 9 de agosto de 2018, 16 de agosto de 2018, 23 de agosto de 2018 y 30 de agosto de 2018

Para obtener detalles de los lugares y más información, favor de llamar a nuestra oficina.

Public Forum Regarding the Closing of 145th Street 3-Train Station

On May 22, 2018, I held a hearing for the 145th Street 3-Train Station Closing from July 21, 2018 to November 2018. The station will close as a part of the MTA's citywide plan to close stations for renovation and repair, known as the "Enhanced Station Initiative (EIS)." Changes to the station will include waterproofing, beautification, new lighting and technology, and enhanced street entrances. The renovations do not include an elevator installation; however, an elevator can be installed at a later date, without closing the station. The MTA will also look into temporarily moving available bus refills or providing alternates from the 148th Street and 7th Avenue stops to 145th Street and Lenox Avenue. I have reached out to schedule an additional hearing to inform residents before the station closes.



Assemblyman Taylor advocating for release of elderly on parole.



Emergency Sanitation Meeting with Community Board 10 and Other Elected Officials

On June 25th, 2018 Community Board 10 (CB10) conducted an emergency meeting regarding the cleanliness of the community's streets. In addition to community members and myself, representatives from the New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's office, Senator Brian Benjamin, Assemblywoman Inez Dickens, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, City Councilmember Bill Perkins, vice-chairs of CB10 John Lynch and Charles Powell attended this meeting. New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Citywide Community Affairs Officer Iggy Tarranova and Manhattan Liaison Ophelia Rivas were also present. The main issue discussed was regarding the removal of trash cans throughout the Harlem community, which has severely impacted the cleanliness and quality of life of our community members. DSNY held responsible the 2009 budget cuts that have directly decreased garbage pickup and further stated that a study done on the use of garbage cans showed them being misused for the disposal of household and business garbage, thus causing DSNY to remove the garbage cans. The community members have also voiced that there has been inconsistent removal and return of trash cans, continually making the system untrustworthy. The oversaturation of the community with homeless shelters, halfway houses and transients only makes the situation worse without access to proper garbage disposal. From this meeting we were able to conclude that the block associations will be submitting to CB10 a report of all the areas that are in critical need of trash cans, which will then be relayed to DSNY to take the appropriate and necessary action. Simply taking away trash cans will not educate the community on proper garbage disposal methods and the DSNY has overstepped by doing so. We must work together as a community to increase the cleanliness of our neighborhood and I will be taking more steps to ensure the safety and beauty of our community.



Assemblyman Taylor interviewing the parents of Elijah Silvera for his show, Assembly Update. They spoke in detail of the necessary legislation, such as the Elijah Bill, that should be in place so that no child faces Elijah's fate.

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Elijah Silvera was attending a day care in November of 2017 when he was given a grilled cheese sandwich despite having a documented severe dairy allergy. Elijah developed an allergic reaction that was not properly and timely taken care of by the staff, which resulted in his untimely death. The bill, named "Elijah's Law" in memory of Elijah Silvera, requires child care service providers to have ongoing training for staff to understand the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis in children and learn to properly administer the epinephrine auto-injectors. Elijah's Law will hopefully prevent future tragedies like the one endured by the Silvera family by ensuring an appropriate and timely response at the first signs of a severe allergic reaction.

MTA Announces 1-Train Station Closings Beginning January 2019

The MTA has announced major closings in order to repair severe damages to the 1-Train tracks. The 168th Street 1-Train station will close from January 2019 to January 2020, the 181st Street 1-Train station will close from February 2020 to February 2021, and the 191st Street 1-Train station will remain open, but there will be no access from St. Nicholas Avenue from February 2021 to February 2022. Changes to the stations will include elevator repair, renovations, and sidewalk replacement at the 168th Street station. Free shuttle bus services will be provided for commuters. It is still unclear as to what alternative service will be provided in the meantime so there can be connectivity between stations but I will be closely following with MTA representatives to ensure more information is released.

June 2018 Listening Tour

This June, I conducted four listening tours throughout the District. They were held at the Hebrew Tabernacle, Esplanade Gardens, Polo Grounds and Church of Intercession on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd respectively. My staff and I facilitated the presence of representatives from city and state agencies, as well as the other elected officials of the community. In an effort to assure that the constituents were heard and their concerns taken care of, representatives and elected officials had an open discussion with them, answered any questions that were raised and addressed their concerns.



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Mobile Office

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Primary Elections Were Moved

Primary elections were moved to September 13th, 2018 from the 11th so that New York residents can properly honor those who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks as well as celebrate the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

Standing In Opposition to Proposed Methadone Clinic in Our District

I stand with Community Board 9, the Coalition of Elected Officials, and the Sugar Hill Neighborhood Coalition in opposition to the issuance of an OASAS license issued to Argus Community Inc. to operate a methadone clinic at the proposed site located at 730 St. Nicholas Avenue. There are approximately 20 clinics and programs already in operation in the neighborhood. The proposed site would be located inside a landmark brownstone, thus failing to preserve the building's historic value. It is estimated that the Argus Community, Inc. would treat approximately 70 individuals per day at the proposed clinic. Some of the individuals would not be residents of the neighborhood and would thus need to travel in and out of the community to receive treatment, causing safety and security risks for children attending nearby schools. In addition, Community Board 9 stated that Argus Community, Inc. did not make clear to them that they intended to use the landmark brownstone as the site of their methadone clinic. It is our understanding that once the information was disclosed to Community Board 9, they withdrew their support for the proposed clinic. As of June 7, 2018, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has not moved forward with licensing Argus Community, Inc. to operate a methadone clinic at 730 St. Nicholas Avenue. While I am in support of increasing the number of substance abuse treatment centers, I vehemently oppose the placement of this one due to it impeding on the security and safety of children attending the schools nearby.

Coming Together for *Love Your Community Day*

On May 5, 2018, my staff and I held our first Love Your Community Day at the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Polo Grounds and Rangel Houses. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather and a great turnout of residents, elected officials, and other volunteers for the event. I would like to thank the New York City Department of Sanitation, NYCHA, the offices of Senator Brian Benjamin and Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan, the Tenant Association Presidents of NYCHA's Polo Grounds and Rangel Houses, Rhonda Bennett and Bernadette McNear respectively, for donating supplies for the event. We would not have had such a successful day without their generosity. I would also like to thank the Police Athletic League (PAL) for providing us a delicious breakfast that gave us the necessary energy for the productive day.

I also extend my sincerest gratitude to the offices of Congressman Adriano Espaillat, Senator Brian Benjamin, Public Advocate Letitia James, Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Councilmember Bill Perkins for attending and participating in Love Your Community Day. I would also like to recognize the principals of Frederick Douglass Academy (FDA) and PS 46, Ayisha Fullerton and Kerry-Ann Hazell respectively, for rallying their students to contribute their share in building up our community. Last, I would like to thank all of the residents and community members who attended. This is our community, and we have the honor of upholding its beauty and resilience in everything that we do.



Assemblyman Taylor pictured with his staff, Congressman Espaillat, Athena Moore from the Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's Office, and community members at the Polo Grounds.

Assemblyman Taylor pictured with members of the Man Up! In Harlem Program who volunteered for Love Your Community Day.



Assemblyman Taylor pictured with students from the Frederick Douglass Academy and the Police Athletic League, Inc. officers at the beginning of Love Your Community Day.

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Assemblyman Taylor pictured with Assemblyman Farrell, who was a longtime mentor and friend to Assemblyman Taylor.

Born on February 4, 1932 in Harlem Hospital, Assemblyman Farrell lived his entire life in Harlem and Washington-Heights, a community that he was dedicated to serving. After years of service with the Tioga Carver Club, he was elected as the District Leader in 1973. The following year, he was elected to the New York State Assembly to represent the 71st Assembly District. During his long tenure as an Assemblyman, he also served as the Chair of the Banks Committee from 1979 to 1994 and the Ways and Means Committee from 1994 to 2017. As the Chair, he sponsored important legislation, such as the Omnibus Consumer Protection and Banking Legislation Act and the Neighborhood Preservation Companies Act. These Acts regulated banking practices, provided consumer protection and information, strengthened community groups in his District and served as models for future federal

statutes. He was also a proud member of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus. Denny served with distinction as New York State Chair, and County Leader of New York County.

Along with his immeasurable contributions to his district and the New York State Assembly, Assemblyman Farrell was a mentor to all of his staff, including me since my early years as an intern. It is therefore on a personal note that we will all greatly miss Denny. The legacy of Assemblymember Farrell will be preserved with his name on the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park, the pedestrian bridge at West 151st Street, and the community health center at West 158th Street. This honor will ensure that his commitment and service to the 71st Assembly District of New York will not be forgotten.

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A graphic featuring a portrait of Assembly Member Al Taylor on the left, wearing a suit and a yellow bow tie. To the right is a photograph of the New York State Capitol building. The text 'Assembly Member AL TAYLOR Reports to You' is overlaid on the right side, and '71st Assembly District • Summer 2018' is at the bottom.

Services Provided at the District Office



Tax Season: Our staff is prepared to assist you with your tax forms 210 and 214.

Notary: Our volunteer notary is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am-3pm and notary services are free of charge.

Constituent Services are available via appointment only; please call the office to make an appointment.

Voicing Your Concerns: The District Office is open to constituents from 9am-5pm; schedule an appointment to meet with the Assemblyman or his staff.