



*Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall*  
*April 22, 2023*



# Week In Review



I was so happy to attend and support the Paul Magnus Foundation this past week. The foundation offers families of children with Congenital Heart Defects or families who have children awaiting a heart transplant reimbursement of housing expenses. Read Paul's Story and Support here: <https://paulmagnusfoundation.org>

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My team was happy to recognize and honor the brave Staten Island Sandy Ground Ferry crew members for their valiant efforts and heroism during the Dec. 22nd evening commute as the boat caught fire on the harbor. We are deeply thankful for their service. Read full story here:<https://www.silive.com/news/2023/04/power-of-teamwork-staten-island-ferry-crew-honored-for-heroic-efforts-during-fire-aboard-sandy-ground.html>



It was an honor to partner with Governor Hochul, Mayor Kathy Sheehan and Councilman Owusu Anane for our 5th Annual Iftar Dinner as we celebrated the holy month of Ramadan. Thank you to all of my colleagues and the entire Muslim community of New York for joining us.



I had the distinct pleasure of honoring the men and women of the NYPD & FDNY at our Annual Community Iftar Dinner. Grateful for their dedicated service and commitment to our community. In my public service, I treasure my relationship with our local law enforcement and fire department. I admire what they do; as they risk their lives everyday to protect our communities. I will always support our NYPD & FDNY.

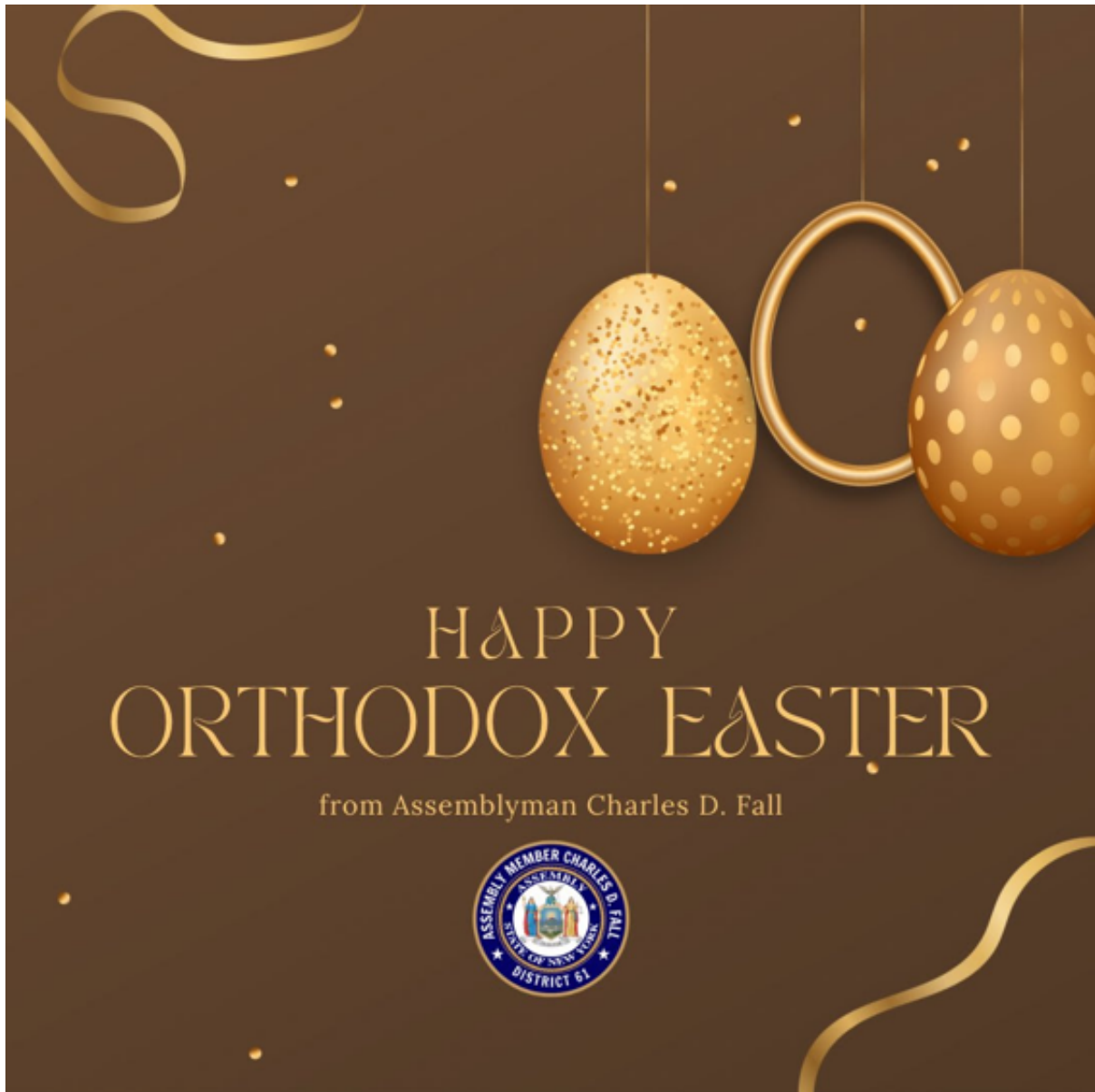


My staff was incredibly excited to join the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation for the TMI Waterfront Offshore Wind Training School Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. TMI Waterfront, a collaboration between TMS Waterfront, Indigo River, and Menotti Enterprise, established a state-of-the-art training center to offer essential safety and technical training in anticipation of the increasing demand for offshore wind jobs.



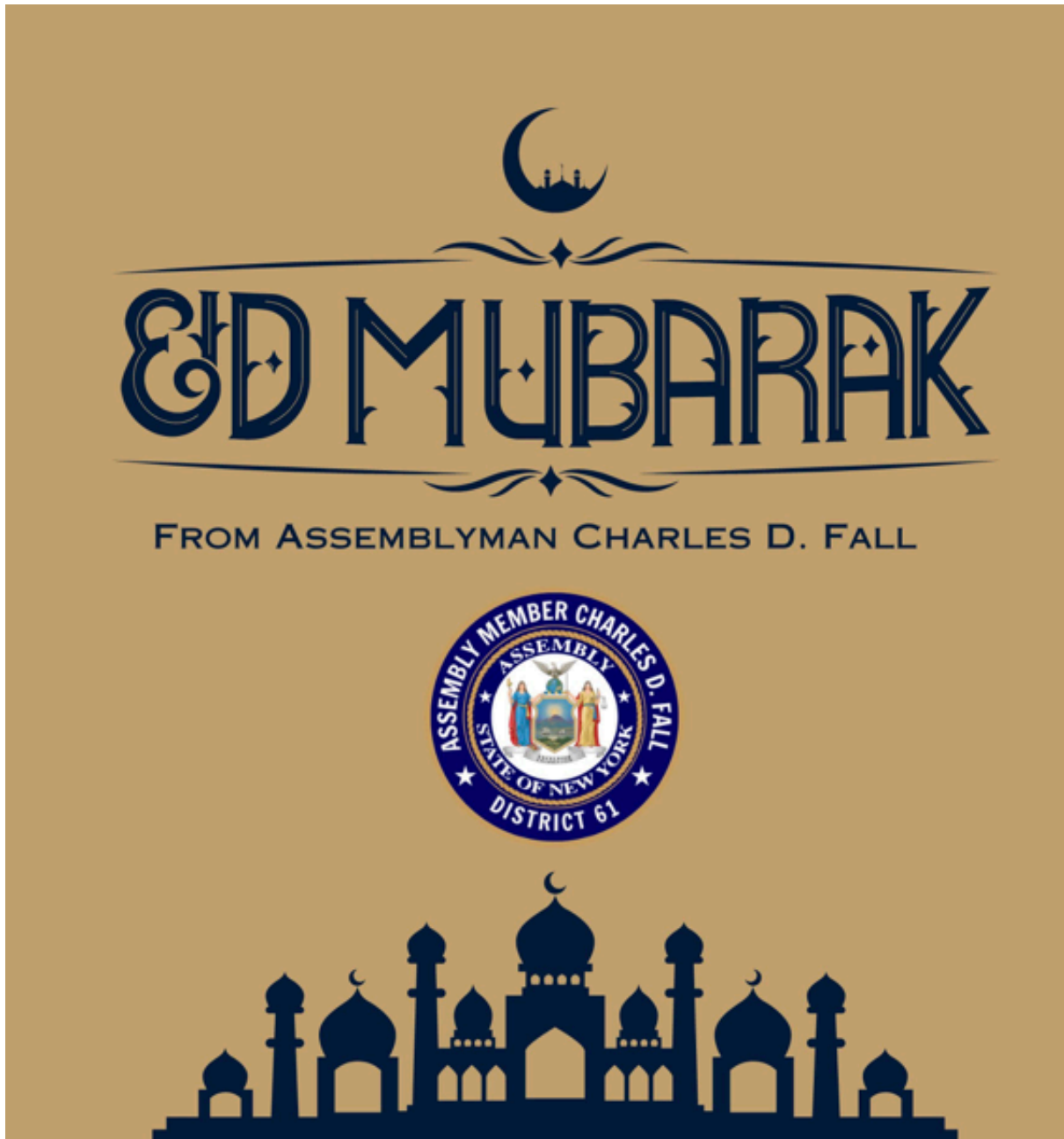
The unfortunate garage collapse at [57 Ann St.](#) left Lower Manhattan community in devastation. We can confirm there is one individual deceased and several others injured. Thank you to NYPD, FDNY and

the local EMS for their swift response. My office continues to support with recovery efforts.



I hope that everyone who observed this past week had a joyous Orthodox Easter.





Wishing everyone celebrating a happy and peaceful Eid. In observance of Eid, our office will be closed on 04/21/23.



## **The 2nd Annual BPCNA Block Party**

Meet your neighbors, fun activities and more.

**SAT, JUNE 3 AT 3PM, ROCKEFELLER PARK**



Looking forward to joining the Battery Park City Neighborhood Association at the 2nd Annual BPCNA Block Party this Summer!



EARTH DAY: S.T.E.A.M. DREAM - happening today 04/22/23 from 11am to 12:30pm. Kids are invited to pick up S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) at this special Earth Day themed open air fair featuring engaging activities and a live performance from Mad Science. Location: Rockefeller Park Basketball Court River Terrace & Murray Street New York, NY 10280

### ***NYCHA PACT Update: West Brighton***

In partnership with tenant leaders, NYCHA has designated BFC Partners Development LLC, CB Emmanuel Realty LLC, and the non-profit organization Catholic Homes New York to provide comprehensive repairs to 574 apartments across 14 buildings at the site. Full press release here: <https://nychajournal.nyc/nycha-resident-leaders-select-partners-to-deliver-75m-in-capital-improvements-to-wilson-houses/>

### ***Governor Hochul Announces Subway Ridership Surpasses 4 Million Riders in Single Day***

April 21, 2023

Albany, NY

Governor Hochul today announced that New York City subway recorded 4,002,961 paid rides on Thursday, April 20. The last time the subways carried more than 4 million riders was March 12, 2020, when 4.1 million New Yorkers rode the subway. OMNY, the Authority's contactless fare payment system, also set a single-day subway record with 1,699,914 taps, accounting for 42.5 percent of all paid rides.

“The MTA is the lifeblood of this city, and New York State has made critical investments in our subways to improve the rider experience,” Governor Hochul said. “Surpassing four million riders for the first time since the start of the pandemic is a testament to the resiliency of New Yorkers and the importance of supporting the nation's largest transit system.”

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, “I'm grateful to our Governor who is leading the effort to fund mass transit so that we can continue to provide safe, reliable and frequent service for all New Yorkers. At the height of the pandemic, ridership dropped by 90 percent, but we kept the system running full tilt to make sure that essential workers could get to hospitals, pharmacies, grocery stores and distribution centers. This record is a testament to the resilience of New Yorkers and a reminder that mass transit is the lifeblood of this city.”

New York City Transit President Richard Davey said, “Hitting ridership records every week is something I can get used to and is a vote of confidence in the subway system. To keep this momentum going, New York City Transit will continue to enhance customer satisfaction wherever we can. Whether that be the OMNY fare-capping pilot, the new customer service centers at stations, we are constantly looking at ways to provide faster, cleaner and safer service.”

Metro-North Railroad reached a new three-day (Tuesday through Thursday) average ridership COVID-era high of 193,111, or 73.5 percent of the baseline ridership comparison from February 2020. This comes after Metro-North reached record daily pandemic-era ridership on Wednesday, April 19 with 195,086 riders, or 74 percent of the pre-pandemic average.

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has exceeded 200,000 riders on 16 days since Feb. 27, the date Grand Central Madison opened for full service, a threshold the railroad had only crossed twice during the first 57 days of 2023. During the seven days between April 9 and April 15, the LIRR carried an average of 168,726 daily customers, the best seven-day average since March 2020.

Metro-North President and Long Island Rail Road Interim President Catherine Rinaldi said, “Wherever you’re traveling within the Metro-North and LIRR service regions, commuter railroads are the most convenient option, especially with the opening of Grand Central Madison. Customers can use the all-in-one TrainTime app to purchase tickets, plan trips, view train capacity, and track trains for both commuter railroads.”

#### OMNY’s Continued Growth

OMNY continues to grow in market share among New York City Transit customers, with the first one million tap day reached in April of 2022. The MTA reached the 500 million total OMNY tap milestone in September of 2022 when a customer tapped in at Grand Central Terminal. OMNY has now processed cards issued in 192 of the 195 countries that issue bank cards.


OMNY customers now consistently comprise nearly half of all subway

riders, with a 42.5 percent market share of paid rides. Nearly 100 percent of all OMNY transactions are made on customers' own personal devices or cards, making the MTA unique among North American transit systems.

In October, OMNY was rolled out to Reduced-Fare customers, who can now make the switch from MetroCard to riding with their personal device or contactless card. Reduced-Fare customers can make the switch from MetroCard to OMNY seamlessly online with the OMNY digital assistant, which is available 24/7 at OMNY.info.

## Resources for the 61st District





**NYPD** in collaboration with  
**Urban Fairies of SICO & Central Family Life Center**  
 present our  
**The Boro-Wide Community Baby Shower**


Join us for fun, food, music, raffles and most importantly Baby essentials

**MAY 20, 2023**  
**SET UP : 10:00AM**  
**EVENT START: 12:00PM**  
**RAFFLES: 2:30PM**  
**BREAKDOWN (CLEAN UP) 3:00PM**  
**59 Wright St. S.I. NY 10304**



Help us Bring much needed baby essentials to parents-to-be or new parents on Staten Island  
 Please get in touch with us to table or donate  
 We are looking for donations of baby gear, necessities, gift cards, new or like new clothing, coats, toys, etc. Please, no used clothing, no rusty, expired strollers or furniture, and no opened or soiled items

Contact Alycia via TEXT (646)568-3094 or email to table, donate or sponsor at  
 a.campbell@urbanfairiesofsi.com or you can contact  
 Det. Washington 929-287-9289, email  
 FRED.WASHINGTON@nypd.org  
 or  
 Det. Woody 929-375-5916

Participants Register here:



100% Employee Community Baby Shower

# FREE TREE GIVEAWAY!

TAKE HOME A FREE, NATIVE SPECIES TREE!

**WESTERVELT FAMILY & COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
 143 Westervelt Ave.  
 Staten Island, NY 10301

April 23, 2023  
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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