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REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE



Community Board 9
April 2018

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THIS MONTH IN ALBANY

New York State Legislature Passes Fiscal Budget for 2018-2019; Includes Funding for NYCHA, Education, Opioid Abuse Treatment Programs and More

The \$168 billion 2018-19 budget, what Gov. Andrew Cuomo called the toughest spending plan in his tenure, was passed on March 31st, 2018. The budget included tax reforms meant to protect New Yorkers from the effects of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, increased education spending, funding for NYCHA and programs to fight opioid addiction and measures to prevent workplace sexual harassment. According to the state Division of the Budget, the budget keeps state operating funds at the 2% growth cap and continues the phase-in of the state's \$4.2 billion Middle Class Tax Cut.



Assemblyman Taylor pictured with here (L-R) Daniel Atwood, Director of Community Organization at Zaakah Asher Lovy, Rose Suaerzopf, Arther J. McGrath and Paula Acuti, who met with the Assemblyman in Albany regarding support for the Child Victims Act.

Although the budget has passed ahead of the April 1st deadline, the Child Victims Act was not included. The Act is supported greatly by many of my constituents including rabbinical student, Daniel Atwood, who has continuously worked with me in bringing it to the tables of my colleagues. As a survivor myself, I vehemently oppose the move to pass the budget without the Act and will continue to fight for its passing and funding in the near future.

Assemblyman Al Taylor Meets with MTA to Express Concerns and Demand Better Dissemination of Information

The heavy storm that hit NYC last weekend caused major inconveniences for those commuting. There were reports of flooding all across the city at station entrances, on platforms, and in the trains themselves. Conditions were so hazardous that stations were closed down and trains were diverted

SAVE THE DATE

The Assemblymember will be conducting a Round Table discussion with constituents on **April 26th, 2018** at Columbia University Hammer Building, Rm. LL103 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

- **Tax Season:** Our staff is prepared to assist you with your tax forms 210 and 214.
- **Notary:** Our volunteer notary is available Mon, Wed, Fri from 11am-3pm and notary services are free of charge.
- **Legal Counsel:** Legal 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.

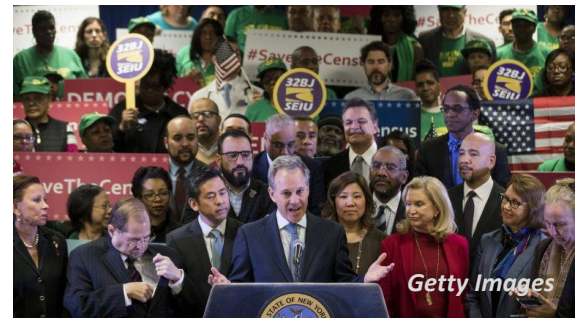
away from certain stops. Of the stations affected was the 145th 1-Train station on Broadway in particular. The train station had to eventually be closed down due to the heavy flooding to only be opened up after 12p.m. I have communicated with MTA representatives to understand what can be done regarding the infrastructure that needs to be in place so that a modern city such as ours is not endangered and inconvenienced like this again. Please also refer to the attached flyer regarding service changes for the 1-train in the coming weekends that affects multiple uptown-side stations after 137th street.



Assemblymembers Taylor and De La Rosa met with Tim Ellis, MTA Director of State Legislative Affairs in Albany last month to express their frustration at the improper dissemination of information regarding the closing of the C line at the 163rd Street Station that adversely and directly affects their constituents. Additionally, the station is being renovated without making it ADA compliant. The Assemblymembers will continue to meet with MTA representatives to ensure that their constituents will be properly informed and taken care of.

Assemblyman Taylor stands with the New York State Attorney General and Fellow Elected Leaders In Announcing the Legal Challenge to the U.S. Census Bureau

Seventeen states, the District of Columbia and New York State Attorney General (AG) Eric Schneiderman filed the lawsuit against the U.S. Census Bureau to block the Trump administration's demand for citizenship information in the upcoming 2020 census on Tuesday (April 3, 2018), saying a plan to add a citizenship demand to the census questionnaire is unconstitutional. Assemblyman Taylor will continue to support and fight for the immigrants in our great nation alongside AG Schneiderman.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Assemblymember Taylor is looking for qualified individuals to intern at his District Office

The internship typically runs throughout the year and offers flexible hours to accommodate student schedules, but is generally during office times (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). Though unpaid, the position offers invaluable work experience and mentorship. Please consider the following applicant requirements before you apply:

- Have a background in journalism, public relations, public administration or advertisement
- Possess general office etiquette and strong writing skills
- Be well-versed in using multiple social media platforms

Interested candidates can forward their resumes and cover letters to mathewa@nyassembly.gov for further instructions on how to apply.



Please join the Assemblyman in his efforts to bring the community together and engage the residents of Polo Grounds and Rangel Housing to clean up the neighborhood. Please refer to the attached flyer for a more detailed layout of the day. For more information, please call the office to speak us or email the contact for this event, Adrianna, at mathewa@nyassembly.gov

Upcoming Symposium Regarding ICE's Immigration Policies at the Hebrew Tabernacle

The New Sanctuary Coalition, in collaboration with community figures, spiritual leaders and elected officials including Assemblyman Taylor, is organizing an evening symposium on the subject of immigration and the treatment of undocumented immigrants. It will take place on April 30th, 2018, from 7pm-9pm, at the Hebrew Tabernacle in Washington Heights. The panel will include local faith leaders, Father Luis Barrios and Rabbi Jeffrey Gale, and experts in immigration law, Angela Fernandez and Geoff Trenchard. We request your presence at this event in support of our quest to ensure the just treatment of undocumented immigrants.



**Monday, April 30th
7pm-9pm**

**Hebrew Tabernacle
Synagogue**

In Washington Heights
551 Fort Washington Ave,
New York, NY 10033

Democracy Now! Co-Host Juan González will moderate a panel discussion and community dialogue with spiritual leaders, elected officials, members of the New Sanctuary Coalition, and others to address ICE's policies and behaviors that are threatening undocumented and other New Yorkers..

RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW ON

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**READ THE SANCTUARY SYMPOSIUM COORDINATING COMMITTEE'S
OPEN LETTER AND INVITATION TO ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR THOMAS DECKER**

inviting him to address the gravely concerning reports of his agency's behavior toward
undocumented and other New Yorkers

HERE: <http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/sanctuary-symposium/>

Traducciones al español en vivo!

Se transmitirán via auriculares inalámbricos.
Para reservar un set de auriculares, por favor
regístrese en nuestro sitio web Eventbrite para
obtener un ticket para idioma español.

Children are welcome!

Educators are developing youth
programming on the subjects of immigration
and sanctuary that will be available during
the symposium. Details will be available on
the Eventbrite and Facebook sites soon.



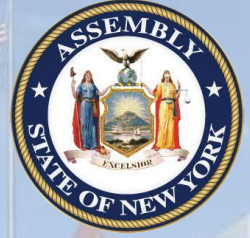
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MTA UPDATE: SCHEDULED 1- TRAIN LINE WORK

For the following weekends, the 1-train going UPTOWN will STOP at the 137th St – City College station:

4/28/18 – 4/29/18

5/5/18-5/6/18

5/12/18-5/13/18

Free Shuttle Bus service operates between:

137th Street and 168th Street

168th Street and 191st Street

207th Street and 242nd Street

Dyckman Street (Broadway) and Dyckman Street (St. Nicholas Ave)

Passengers are also provided with free transfers to M3 Bus service and free boarding to M3 service at 181st Street and 191st Street.



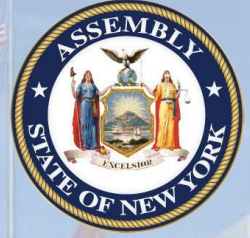
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ROUND TABLE WITH THE ASSEMBLYMAN

DATE: 4 | 26 | 2018

LOCATION: Columbia University
Hammer Building
Rm. LL103
701 W 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
TIME: 6:30pm-8:30pm

**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**

On this great
opportunity to sit down
with the Assemblyman!

Fight Back Against Fraud!



Join us for a free shredding event

Every two seconds someone's identity is stolen. Shredding confidential documents you no longer need is one good way to protect yourself, and the AARP Fraud Watch Network wants to help. Bring any confidential documents to our Operation Stop Scams event, and we'll shred them for free. It only takes a few minutes and can save you lots of headaches later on!

Free Residential Shredding Event

When:

Saturday, April 28, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(or until the truck is full)

Where:

Esplanade Gardens
2569 Adam Clayton Powell,
Jr. Boulevard
Between 148th & 149th Streets
New York, NY 10039

There will be an on-site shredding truck available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE: The site may close early if the truck fills up. Limit 3 shopping bags of shredding materials per person. Paper only and no magazines or newspapers.

Shredding services are free of charge and open to the public.

Questions? Call 1-866-227-7451 or visit www.aarp.org/nyc.

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Love Your Community Day

A day dedicated to upholding our community's beauty and resilience

MAY 5TH, 2018

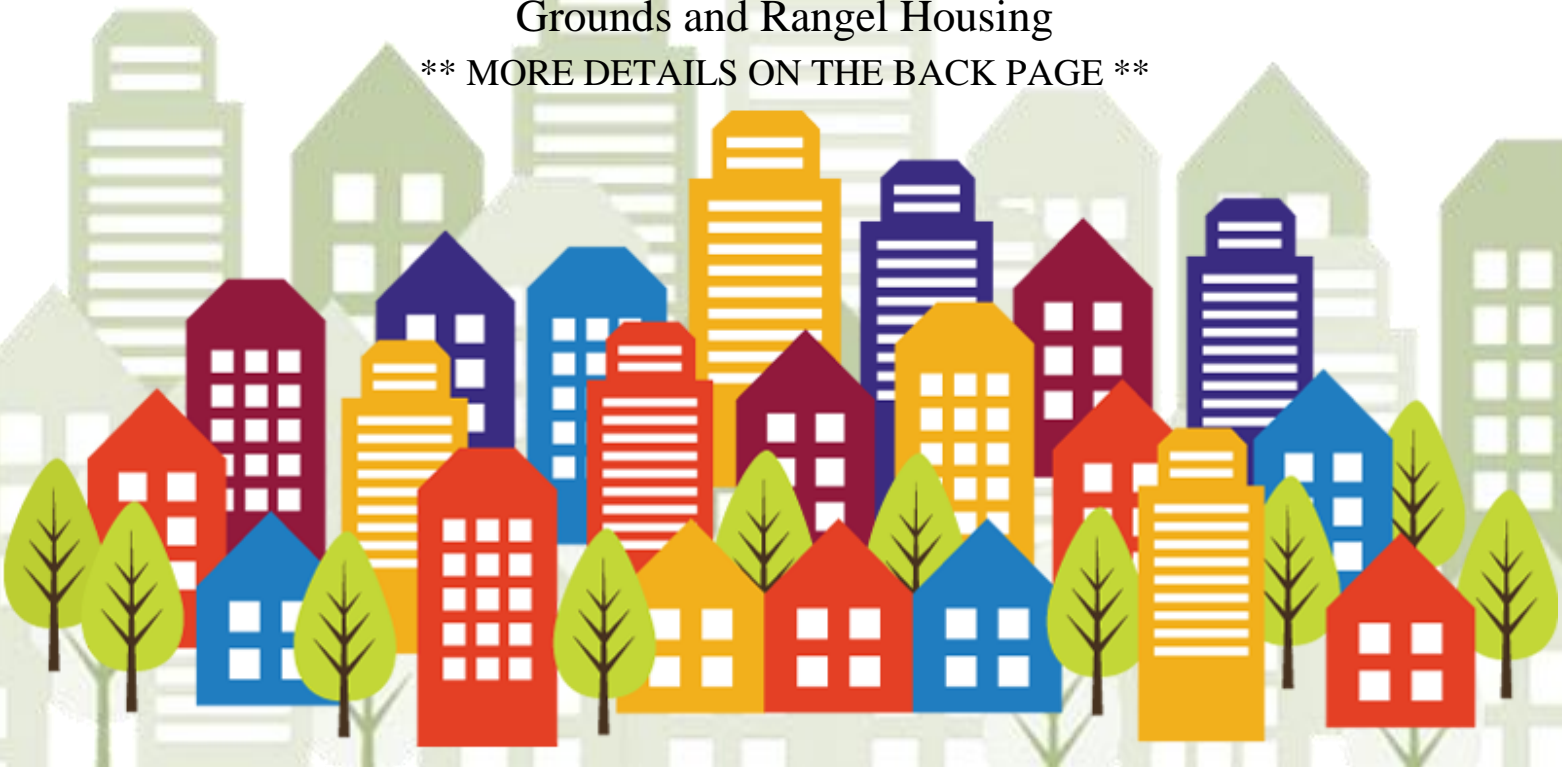
8:30AM-3:00 PM

POLO GROUNDS COMMUNITY CENTER

3005 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10039

Co-sponsored by the Police Athletic League, Inc. & T.A. Presidents of Polo
Grounds and Rangel Housing

**** MORE DETAILS ON THE BACK PAGE ****



Love Your Community Day

May 5th, 2018



The day will consist of cleaning, restoration, and beautification of the Polo Grounds and Rangel Housing surroundings.

There will be light refreshments in the morning and activities for attendees throughout the day.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, donate or sponsor materials for the day, please contact Adrianna Mathew via email at mathewa@nyassembly.gov or via phone at 212-234-1430

We look forward to seeing you on May 5th!



CAUCUS MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT BUDGET VICTORIES ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S LAST SPEECH

ALBANY, NY (April 3, 2018) – It was 50 years ago, today, that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared to the world that “we, as a people, will get to the promised land.” As the Members of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus endeavor to move New York towards that goal, we seek to highlight various FY2018-2019 budget victories that recognize that New York State cannot move forward if families and communities are left behind.

Each year, the Caucus releases [*The People's Budget*](#), a publication that details the many priorities the legislators will be advocating for throughout the budget process. This session, through the support of our members—and legislative leadership from Speaker Carl E. Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, and Chairman N. Nick Perry—the Caucus points to various budget initiatives that will directly benefit the communities in which we represent; moving us closer to realizing Dr. King's vision.

“On every issue—education, housing, transportation, health, criminal justice, civil rights—New York must increase our efforts to protect our citizens and guard against policies that disadvantage hard-working Americans on the basis of race, gender, orientation, zip code, or any other factor,” said Chairman N. Nick Perry (D-Brooklyn). “While much more work is needed to achieve the goals that remain on the table, the advances in this budget take us further forward.”

Education Investments

The FY2018-2019 budget included several education investments that will directly benefit our communities:

K-12

- \$50 million increase for community schools
- \$15 million increase to expand pre-K
- \$2 million to create safe and supportive school environments that prevent bullying
- \$1.5 million for adult literacy education
- \$500,000 for teacher diversity pipeline pilot
- \$500,000 English Language Learner Class size reduction pilot program

Higher Education

- \$32.2 million for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- \$35.5 million for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)
- \$15.8 million for Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)
- \$11.9 million for Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP)

Child Welfare

The enacted budget includes \$17 million to restore the proposed cap on the City of New York's Child Welfare Services funding stream, which is used to fund preventive services, child protective services, adoption subsidies and other programs that help keep children out of foster care and New York's families united.

NYCHA Funding

In order to help facilitate much-needed repairs and ensure that residents are living in healthy, habitable, and comfortable conditions, the Caucus advanced a budget that included \$250 million in new funding for the New York City Housing Authority.

Reparative Justice

To continue the Caucus' efforts to repair harms caused by a punitive—rather than healing—approach to drug abuse in the past, the approved budget establishes the Opioid Stewardship Fund to provide \$100

million in funding for heroin and opioid treatment, prevention and recovery services. The plan also restores \$2 million to fund the Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) program in New York City through the Department of Education. An additional \$1.5 million is allocated to establish a behavioral health ombudsman program to assist insured enrollees with coverage issues related to mental health or substance use disorders. The budget also includes \$1.5 million for various programs related to substance use disorder treatment, prevention and recovery.

Maternal Mortality

This year, the Women of Color Subcommittee of the Caucus established a priority of increasing our efforts to reduce maternal mortality—an epidemic that disproportionately impacts women of color. “The budget allocates \$250,000 towards the Safe Motherhood Initiative that works to develop and implement standard approaches for how to deal with emergencies related to childbirth,” said Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx). “We celebrate this important first, and remain committed to working towards the creation of a statewide maternal mortality board.”

Gun Violence

“In too many areas, gun violence is an epidemic,” said Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson (D-Brooklyn). “As a result of our hard work and persistent advocacy, this budget includes an increase in funding for Operation SNUG—a top priority that allows us to continue curbing violence and saving lives.” The State’s FY2018-2019 budget agreement also includes legislation that will keep guns out of the hands of convicted domestic abusers. The legislation will require domestic abusers to surrender all guns, including both handguns and long guns, closing a loophole in New York State law.

Public Transportation

“With this budget, we consider the present and long-term needs of the state's transportation systems but also ways to reduce congestion and improve performance across the board,” said Assemblyman David Gantt (D-Rochester). The state and City of New York commit to jointly fund the \$836 million Subway Action Plan to address safety, service reliability and other necessary capital investments for the MTA. To provide a long-term revenue stream to support transportation sustainability, the enacted budget includes a per-trip surcharge on for-hire vehicle, yellow taxi, and pooled rides within a newly designated travel zone in New York City.

Retirement Savings

A Caucus-supported effort to provide employees of small businesses the ability to safeguard their economic stability was included in the budget. “The Secure Choice Savings Program will provide much needed access to retirement plans that can prevent poverty later in life and get New Yorkers on track to financial stability,” said Assemblyman Robert J. Rodriguez (D-Manhattan). “New York State has taken a big step today in addressing the retirement crisis and found a progressive solution that will help ensure that everyone can save for retirement. I thank my colleagues for standing with me and helping to pass this important measure in this year’s budget.”