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ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER SECURES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMMING



Improving quality education for local children, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner secured funding in the amount of \$150,000 to enhance critical support and educational services for students with special needs at P.S. 035 Franz Siegel. The additional aid will be directed to INCLUDEncyc to offer programming to the school community.

BRONX OFFICIALS OFFER FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOR WOMEN



Raising awareness for Domestic Violence, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, in partnership with Roberto Clemente State Park, Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson and the NYPD's 46th Precinct, provided a series of free self-defense classes for women this fall at Roberto Clemente State Park.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement regarding the groundbreaking of a new \$20 million affordable housing development in the Mt. Eden Neighborhood.

"Access to affordable quality housing is an essential right for all New Yorkers and this new 60-unit apartment building being built on Walton Avenue marks an important contribution to making that important goal a reality. The commitment of state support from NYSHCR, city assistance from NYC HPD, Settlement Housing Fund and the dedication of Jack Doyle and New Settlement Apartments, was invaluable in making today possible. I want to thank everyone – including Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio – for making this new housing possible."

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District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Friday (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)

Where: 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 and 163 Streets)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER SUPPORTS ROBERTO CLEMENTE'S NEW REHAB PLANS



BRONX, N.Y. – Governor Cuomo previously announced the start of construction on \$35 million in projects that will help to ensure that Roberto Clemente State Park's waterfront is more storm-resilient. The projects will protect the park and surrounding neighborhood – including the residents of River Park Towers – from flooding. The additional funds will also renovate the park's upper plaza.

“Roberto Clemente State Park is an important escape for the Bronx community, its families and our children. People of the Bronx, and residents in my district, are proud to call themselves Bronxites; we are lucky to have such beautiful parks in our Borough. That is why I commend the work of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his administration to transform Roberto Clemente State Park's waterfront and protect nearby residents from the harms of rushing flood water in the event of a storm. Superstorm Sandy may have left some bruises on Roberto Clemente State Park, but thanks to additional funding from the Governor, its future as a mainstay in the Bronx will be preserved. I also appreciate the work of my fellow Bronx elected officials, as they have helped to guarantee upgrades for the park's plazas.”

-Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER SUPPORTS RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15

Joining with Bronx community leaders and advocates from throughout the state, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is a strong supporter of raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. “With the high cost of living and rising rents squeezing the budgets of families throughout our community, I have been a vocal advocate for raising the minimum wage to a level that makes sense for families throughout the Bronx,” Assemblywoman Joyner said.

Voting for legislation (**Assembly Bill 7257**) that would phase in the higher minimum wage Assemblywoman Joyner noted that it would ensure that a full-time employee working 40 hours a week would make \$31,200. “Paying workers a livable wage is not too much to ask in the modern economy,” Assemblywoman Joyner said.



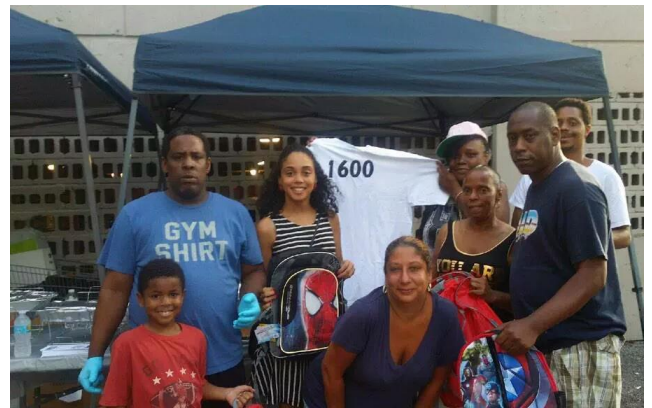
“This is about simple fairness and I will continue to be a strong advocate and consistent voice for those New Yorkers who are fighting for basic economic justice.”

-Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER OFFERS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO COMMUNITY



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner with families and children at River Park Towers.



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner provides school supplies to families attending 1600 Sedgwick Avenue's Annual Family Day.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER GAINS INCREASE FOR FOSTER CARE FAMILIES

The current foster care system needs additional remediation after years of neglect. That is why **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** has been determined to offer help to those families and children that require assistance. Leading this fight, Assemblywoman Joyner introduced **Assembly Bill A. 8007** to provide foster care families with a three percent increase in support.

After she introduced the legislation, the **New York State Office of Children and Family Services** and the **Division of the Budget** gave a two percent increase to foster care families. Also, changes have been approved for the administrative rate methodology that will benefit foster

care providers. While this is not a permanent fix, this is a step in the right direction.

Following multiple years of flat foster care rates, those that provide the necessary help to our children and families will now gain some additional assistance in the form of additional funding for their hard, tireless work.

"Our foster care system is an investment in the future of our community and it has served more than 11,000 children this year alone," Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner said. **"For seven years the families that provide this essential service went without an increase – and I am glad to see that we were able to make an increase possible."**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER PROVIDES FREE HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit.

Tenant Support Specialists are available every Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, and can help provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Overcharges
- Possible eviction


For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO HER UPCOMING EVENTS



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Bronx, NY 10451**

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- Purposeful denial of essential services
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*Roberto Clemente State Park
Presents*

Free Self-Defense Seminar For Women

Sponsored by
State Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner,
Council Member Vanessa Gibson & NYPD 46th Precinct

Seminar Introduction Day
Saturday
September 12, 2015
10AM-11AM



*Special Appearance by
Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner*




Location: Roberto Clemente State Park Gymnasium

- For women ages 18 & up
- Classes will be held on 5 consecutive Saturdays starting September 12, 2015 at 10AM-11AM
- Registration forms can be picked up in the RCSP Administration Office.
- ONLY 20 SPACES AVAILABLE! Registrations will be accepted through the "Seminar Introduction Day"



Roberto Clemente State Park
301 West Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10452
(718) 299-8750
www.nysparks.com

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LATOYA JOYNER INVITES YOU TO HER:



SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

When: Thursday, October 29 from 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
**Where: Hope of Israel Senior Center
1068 Gerard Avenue
Bronx, NY 10452**

What: Attend to gain knowledge on better safety awareness tips and access to important resources.

Sponsors: NYC
Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's District Office at 718-538-2000

Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood




Courtesy of
NYS Assembly Member
Latoya Joyner

The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' Access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office.

The vehicle will be stationed at:

**Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office
910 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
(btwn E. 162 and 163 Streets)
October 2, 2015
10am to 3pm**

To Make an Appointment please visit:
<https://mobilelegalhelpcenter.acuityscheduling.com/>

For more information, please call: 718-538-2000




Staff onboard the Mobile Legal Help Center will provide FREE legal assistance on issues related to:

- HOUSING
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- DISABILITY BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- IDENTITY THEFT
- DEBT MANAGEMENT
- CONSUMER CREDIT
- IMMIGRATION
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- DIVORCE
- CUSTODY
- EMPLOYMENT
- ADVANCE PLANNING
- SUPERSTORM SANDY

Everyone is eligible to receive free legal services, regardless of immigration status.



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner invites the community to her 1st Annual

HEALTH EXPO



**On Saturday, October 24 at Joyce Kilmer Park
From: 12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

Services:

- Dental Van
- HIV Testing Van
- Vision Services
- Fruit and Refreshments
- Health Screenings
- Giveaways
- Nutritionist

Sponsors/Partners:







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