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Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Holiday Gift Drive at the Family School



Thanks to the generous donations of the Bronx Family Court Bar Association, the Comprehensive Model School Project (M.S. 327) and the Ogden Avenue Church, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner provided free gifts to the elementary students at the Family School (X443) for the holidays (See page 2 for additional highlights).

Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Security Upgrades at NYCHA Developments



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner secured \$2 million in funding for the installation of security cameras and security lighting at New York City Housing Authority buildings in her district. Before the holidays, she visited residents at NYCHA's Highbridge Gardens and Sedgwick Houses developments to present a ceremonial check for the security upgrades.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement regarding Mayor de Blasio & DEP's \$115 Water Bill Credit for Low-Income Homeowners.

"Any assistance to low-income homeowners is welcome news in the Bronx and New York City. Many families struggle from paycheck to paycheck and receiving a credit on their next water bill will likely go a long way to help. I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio, the the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Human Resources Administration and the Department of Finance for their work in making sure that more than 52,000 households receive a credit of \$115 on their next water or sewer bill through the Home Water Assistance Program."

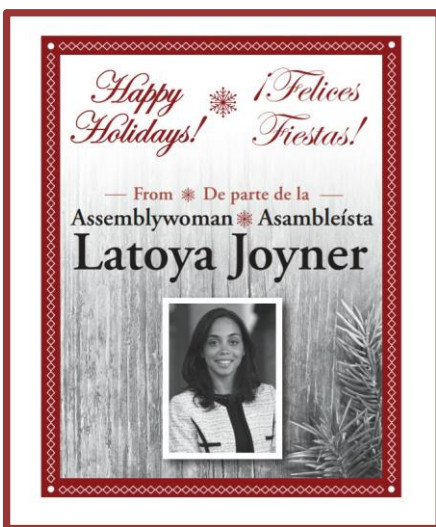
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District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM) **Where:** 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Holiday Gift Drive for Family School Students



JOYNER SUPPORTS PAID PARENTAL LEAVE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Statement Regarding New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's Paid Parental Leave Policy

"Bringing paid family leave to New York City families is crucial so that parents can maintain their jobs, and not see a drop in pay in the event of a family life event. It is an impossible scenario that so many face today in New York, where family breadwinners choose between ensuring care for their children or cashing their paycheck. In the Assembly, my colleagues and I have a long history of supporting paid family leave – this commonsense policy can ensure employee satisfaction and retention as well as maintain a healthier and more financially stable footing for working families. I commend Mayor de Blasio for his executive order that will provide paid time off for maternity, paternity, adoption, and or foster care leave to approximately 20,000 employees. His action is a win win for employees and employers that should be replicated across New York."

-Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)

Assemblywoman Joyner Fights for Bronx Families in 2015



In her first year as your elected Assembly Member, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner has made her mark both in Albany and in the 77th Assembly District, on issues ranging from affordable housing and education to domestic violence. She is the author of a groundbreaking law to create a pilot program that protects victims of domestic violence by speeding up the process for obtaining temporary orders of protection and allowing them to file protection orders electronically.

An outspoken proponent of strengthening rent regulation and protecting tenants, Assemblywoman Joyner publicly supported a freeze for the more than rent-regulated 33,000 apartments under rent regulation in her district; she remains committed to this issue going forward.

Assemblywoman Joyner's support has led to increased funding for the Bronx Children's Museum and other community-based organizations that directly benefit District 77 residents. She has also championed security upgrades for tenants that reside in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments in her district.

For seniors and those that are disabled, Assemblywoman Joyner passed legislation that improves housing conditions and opportunities through the Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) — a program that expedites the land review process for low-income housing. A direct result of this process is the “Artsbridge” development, a 61-unit senior building located in the Highbridge community.

Assemblywoman Joyner has implemented real change in her district by supporting education. In the 2015-2016 year's budget, she backed Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), including the New York Legal Educational Opportunity Program (LEO) — a program that affords minority and low-income students an early introduction to the legal profession. The Assemblywoman's advocacy culminated in increased funding and the reinstatement of the LEO program for New York students. A proponent of quality education for all, the Assemblywoman also 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.

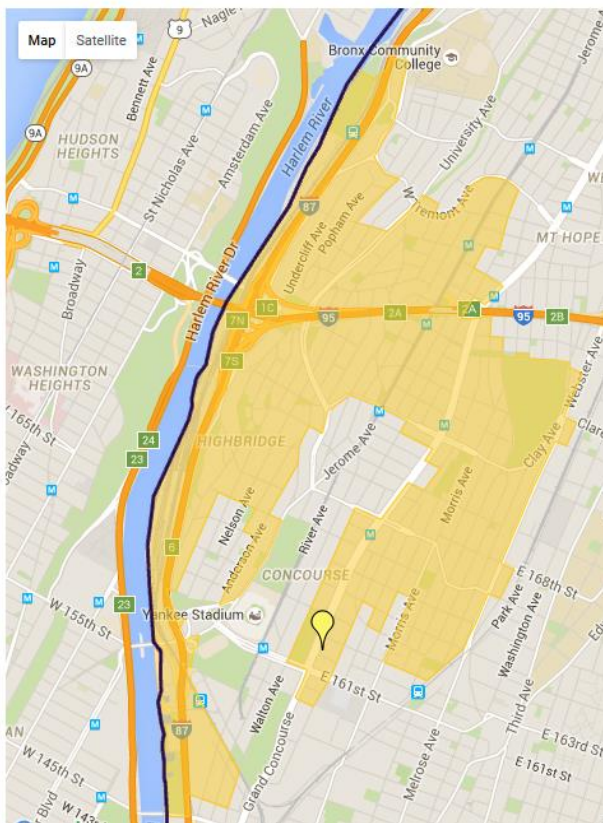
2015 Legislative Achievements for District 77:

Bill Number	Description	Actions
Assembly Bill A.6262	Establishes a pilot program for the filing of petitions for temporary orders of protection by electronic means.	-Passed Assembly on 04/28/2015. -Signed into law by Governor Cuomo on 10/21/2015.
Assembly Bill A. 8238	Relates to urban development action areas through the Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) that speeds up the land review process for low-income housing for seniors and those that are disabled.	-Passed Assembly on 06/18/2015. -Signed into law by Governor Cuomo on 06/30/2015.
Assembly Bill A.7212	Relates to conferring youthful offender status upon conviction of an eligible youth for a misdemeanor.	-Passed Assembly on 06/15/2015.
Assembly Bill A. 7500	Provides for the notification of the next of kin of the death of an inmate.	-Passed Assembly on 05/28/2015.
Assembly Bill A. 6194	Relates to the purchase of prescription drugs to ensure that consumers have the option to access every covered medication from a local network participating pharmacy and are not forced into mandatory mail order.	-Passed Assembly on 06/09/2015.

Assemblywoman Joyner Addresses Community's Safety & Quality of Life Concerns

Listening to your needs and concerns, **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)** has acted to address these issues to City and State agencies that can help. Whether it is a need for extending the time it takes to safely traverse the Grand Concourse, pothole repairs and repaving along Sedgwick Avenue, installation of speed bumps for reduced speeding, increased bus service for your neighborhood and better signage and trash receptacles at your local park, Assemblywoman Joyner has advocated for you, and increased the overall safety for District 77 families. Here is a listing of what she has accomplished in 2015:

District Map



- Repairing potholes on Sedgwick Avenue from West Tremont Avenue to Cedar Avenue.
- Extension of signal timing to 45 seconds for crossing the intersection of E. 161st and Gerard Avenue.
- Asked for ongoing maintenance and trimming of the Grand Concourse Malls in order to increase safety of pedestrians by improving visibility when crossing.
- Requested Speed Bump installations to decrease speeding and increase safety for residents in Concourse Section of the Bronx.
- Additional countdown clocks for safe pedestrian crossing at West Burnside Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue.
- Need for repaving, pothole repairs or roadway markings in the Concourse and Highbridge neighborhoods.
- Advocated for increased signage to prevent barbecuing, updated trash receptacles at Joyce Kilmer Park.
- Pushed for increased bus service on the MTA's Bx18 at night and on weekends.

JOYNER'S PLAN FOR 2016

Assemblywoman Joyner's Goals for 2016

Always focused on the needs of district families and the community, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) will concentrate on the following issues in 2016. These include:

- Preserving affordable housing and preventing skyrocketing rents; and
- Combating legionnaires' disease in N.Y. city by appropriating funding for remediation; and
- Addressing additional awareness for maternal depression and for increased funding for the foster care system; and
- Finding solutions for the district's student homelessness and school absenteeism problem; and
- Introducing resource programs and services for youth and adults in the Highbridge area; and
- Introducing legislation that will allow military veterans to receive MTA discounts; and
- Limiting supportive and transitional housing in the district; and
- Ensuring quality education for all; and
- Mandating all documents be translated in a person's native language in Housing Court and Civil Court; and
- Making sure that families are promptly informed by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of a prisoner.

• **ASSEMBLYWOMAN OFFERS FREE TENANT 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 TO HOLD NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS WORKSHOP**


The **Citizens Committee for New York City** will be hosting an informational workshop at the **Community Office of Assemblywoman Joyner** on **January 4, 2016 from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM**.

Citizens Committee will present and discuss their **Neighborhood Grants** initiative, which includes micro-grant awards of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups (**i.e. block associations, civic groups, community gardens, student groups, PTAs and many others**) focused on community-building projects across New York City. Projects include everything from community gardening and tenant organizing to school recycling drives and art projects.


For more information on the grant application and guidelines, please visit www.citizensnyc.org.


• **ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOYNER PLANS SECOND JOB READINESS WORKSHOP**

In collaboration



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Latoya Joyner





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP TOPICS


The objective of this workshop series is to enhance the marketability of job seekers. This workshop will focus on key areas such as: resume preparation, job searching strategies and interview techniques. All participants will have the opportunities to update or create a resume, be ready to apply for jobs and have enhanced their interviewing skills.

WHEN

Friday
January 15, 2016
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

WHERE

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