

# ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER 77<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



### AUGUST 2016 - NEWSLETTER

# Assemblywoman Joyner Helps Prepare Our Community



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner addressed the community at Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program, held at Featherbed Lane Presbyterian Church. Over the past couple of years, natural disasters have become all too real for our families in the Bronx, where some have experienced floodina. and feared for their safety. The program helped to better train our community when it comes to natural disasters.

# Assemblywoman Joins MLB at Roberto Clemente State Park





Joining her colleagues, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner celebrated news that Major League Baseball will be coming to Roberto Clemente State Park. The new baseball academy will make sure all children have access to beneficial youth programming this summer in the Bronx.

### **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)

### VOL. 2, ISSUE 8

### CONTACT US:

### **District Office**

910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK

Bronx, NY 10451 718-538-2000

joynerl@assembly.state.ny.us

<u>@JOINJOYNER</u>

facebook.com/AMLatoyaJoyner

### LATOYA'S LINE

# Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement on the Bronx Children's Museum's Dream Big Initiative:

"The Bronx Children's Museum serves as a beacon for our youth in the Bronx. It helps our future leaders by guiding them to dream big and reach their goals through culture, science and Being able to provide education. valuable opportunities for Bronx children to learn and expand their minds this summer through its Dream Big arts enrichment program will prove invaluable, as they explore their home and the life of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor – a personal hero of mine - as well as venture into the expansive worlds of drama, the visual arts and literature."

### IN THIS ISSUE:

JOYNER SUPPORTS CHILDREN | pg 2 JOYNER IN THE COMMUNITY | pg 3-4 JOYNER SUPPORTS DIVERSITY | pg 4 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE | pg 5 PLAYSTREET IN OUR COMMUNITY | pg 5

# Assemblywoman Joyner Fights to Regulate Illegal Day Cares



BRONX — Making sure all children are safe, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) announced the passage of her bill, Assembly Bill A.7451, which will offer greater protections for families, and impose greater restrictions on illegal day care operators.

More and more, illegal day care centers have continued to pop up in apartments and homes across the five boroughs and New York State — leaving our most vulnerable population, our children, in harm's way. Of the nearly 600 complaints received by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in 2012, 95 percent were

reported as children being in imminent danger at the time.

Assembly Bill A.7451 will provide greater protection to families in regard to child care operations by mandating OCFS to investigate and audit current child care operations advertising their services in New York State on the Internet. This will limit the amount of illegal day care centers and encourage licensed providers to only take on children within their legal limit.

New York State Senator Martin Golden (R-Brooklyn, 22nd SD) is currently sponsoring companion legislation, known as Senate Bill S.1706A.

"The safety and security of our children is my number one concern. There has been an increase in the number of illegal day care centers popping up in New York City and New York State, and this legislation eliminates any worry a parent may have when dropping their children off at a child care program because they will be more informed. We must ensure that the Office of Children and Family Services has the strength it needs to enforce the law and deter illegal operators from preying on families that need someone to watch over their loved ones. Hardworking New Yorkers depend on having access to affordable, quality child care. They deserve nothing less."

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

# Assemblywoman Joyner Honored by New Settlement's Parent Action Committee



BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) was honored by the New Settlement Parent Action Committee (PAC) at its Annual BBQ in Claremont Park.

"Ensuring a quality education for all families is my top priority" Assemblywoman Joyner said. "Through organizations like PAC and the unparalleled impact of parent involvement in our school communities, District 9

children and families have a tireless supporter and advocate for educational justice."

Assemblywoman Joyner was joined by Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson. The Parent Action Committee (PAC) is a multicultural group of concerned parents and community members dedicated to improving the quality of education for all children.



















### Assemblywoman Joyner in the Community this Summer



JOYNER SUPPORTS DIVERSITY

# Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Legal Education Opportunity Program



BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) joined the New York Judicial Institute as it honored students and faculty of the

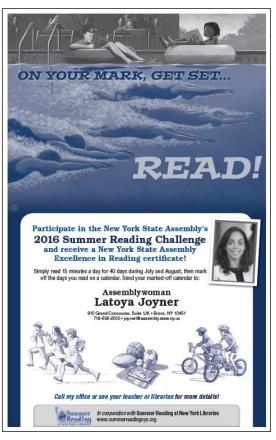
New York Legal Education Opportunity Program. The Assemblywoman, a class of 2009 alumna, was happy to celebrate with State Court of Appeals Judge Jenny Rivera, Judge Juanita Bing Newton, dean of the Judicial Institute, and all those that make it possible for minority, lowincome or economically disadvantaged students to gain an early introduction to the legal profession through this key program.

Thanks to support from Assemblywoman Joyner in the State Budget, the NY LEO Program was brought back to life after lack of funding forced the program to shutter. It assists minority, low-income and economically disadvantaged college graduates in acquiring the fundamental and practical skills necessary to succeed in law school.



"The LEO program helped to prepare me for law school. It helped to prepare me for the legal profession and it has helped to prepare for the New York State Assembly," said Assemblywoman Joyner. "If it wasn't for programs like LEO and other educational opportunity programs, I wouldn't be standing here today."

### Assemblywoman Joyner Kicks off Summer Reading Challenge for District Students



BRONX, N.Y. - In cooperation with New York Libraries, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD) begins her Summer Reading Challenge this July, which supports improving literacy and reading this summer for District 77 students and their families.

When children have marked at least 40 days this summer of reading, they will earn a **Excellence in Reading certificate** by submitting their completed forms to the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK Bronx NY 10451. Calendars, pamphlets and bookmarks are available for all families online or in the Assemblywoman's office.

Click here for your 2016 Summer Reading Challenge Pamphlet: <u>http://bit.ly/28VKfIM</u>

#### PLAYSTREET IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Assemblywoman Announces New PLAYSTREET in District 77



In collaboration with the Police Athletic League of New York City and the NYPD's 44th Precinct, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a new PLAYSTREET is located at 1272 Ogden Avenue, between W 168th and W 169th Streets in the Highbridge.

It is open every Monday-Friday, from 9 AM-5 PM until August 19. Children can attend the PLAYSTREET free of charge and have the opportunity to learn, have fun and make friends. The PLAYSTREET includes free recreation, prevention education, cultural arts, board games, tournaments and other fun-filled activities.