

Dear Friends,

I recently had the pleasure to honor local residents during our annual Black History month celebration. February has long been a month to remember and celebrate trailblazers and those that are presently fighting for equity and opportunities in our communities.

As always, my dedicated staff and I are here to service the needs of the residents of Claremont, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights communities of The Bronx.

The New York State Legislature is still in session and I am working diligently and fighting in Albany every week to expand access to affordable housing, protect the most vulnerable in our community, ensure access to quality education and health care, and address quality of life concerns.

Please look out for the many events and resources hosted by my office for the enrichment and progress of our community!

Sincerely,

Hon. Latoya Joyner

Member of Assembly

77th Assembly District, Bronx County



Assemblywoman Joyner in the New York State Capitol Assembly Parlor leading a panel of experts to discuss the issue of language access in our courts (see page 6).

Visit My Community Office

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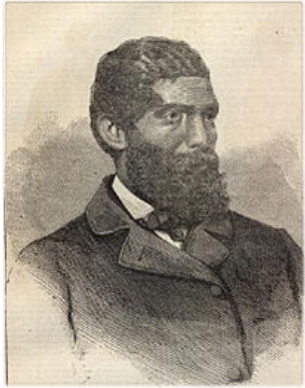
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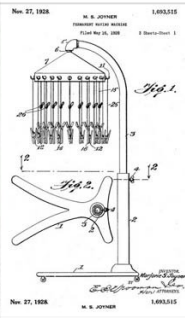
Black History Month

Remembering Our Trailblazers



(Left) On Feb. 2, 1865 **John Rock** became the first Black attorney to be admitted to argue in the **Supreme Court of the United States**.

Mr. Rock is credited with coining the phrase: **“Black is Beautiful.”**



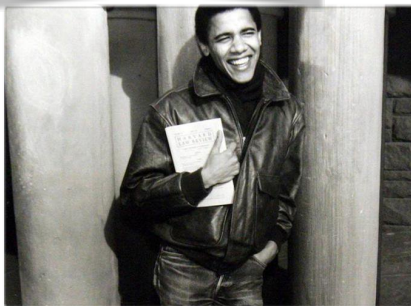
(Left) **Marjorie Joyner** (No relation) was a beauty salon owner, who changed the game of hair styling when she invented the **“permanent wave machine.”**

The invention made Marjorie the **first Black woman** to receive a patent for her work.



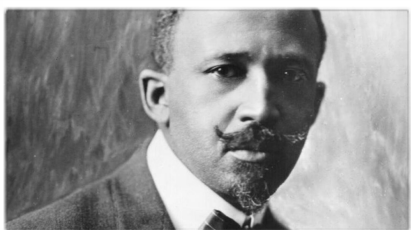
(Left) On Feb. 27, 1872 **Charlotte E. Ray** graduated from Howard University School of Law, becoming the **first Black female lawyer** in the United States.

“Thank you for opening the way for women like me to practice law.”



(Left) On Feb. 5, 1990 **Barrack Obama** becomes the first Black law student to be named **President of the Harvard Law Review** in 1990.

The same young man becomes the **first Black President of the United States of America**.



(Left) On Feb. 23, 1868 **W. E. B. Du Bois** was born. Du Bois became the **first African American to receive a doctoral degree at Harvard University** in 1865 and was a co-founder of the NAACP in 1909.

“A pioneer and prime example of how great we can really be.”

(Right) On Feb. 21, 1965 **Malcolm X** was assassinated for his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement.

“On the right is a picture of him in the NYS Assembly Chamber. The same chamber that I use to advocate for our people in this great state.”



Malcolm X gallery NYS Assembly 1965 watching Gov. Nelson Rockefeller addressing joint session of Legislature NYS Capitol, Albany NY <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sabangroup/>

Be Black
Be Proud
Be Brilliant

Honoring our Community Leader

★ ★ ★ *Shaquille Bent* ★ ★ ★



Shaquille Bent holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Industrial Technology and currently serves as a Portfolio Management Analyst. He founded a non-profit called “Pass it Down, NYC” an organization that teaches financial literacy.

Shaquille and two of his closest friends realized that there was a trend occurring in the community regarding the deprivation of financial education being taught in school, which in turn would impact one’s ability to make intelligent financial decisions. He and his team host financial literacy classes based on their own experiences, knowledge and research. He decided to focus on the basics of financial literacy and he teaches things like, banking, budgeting, credit, investing, insurance and home ownership.

Shaquille’s efforts have been focused in the Highbridge community where he lives and he has had the opportunity to give his presentation at several local churches. The first partnership was with D3 Ministries, where he was able to host multiple successful workshops and interact with the community.

Shaquille also partnered with our office to host a Financial Literacy workshop that taught constituents of the 77th Assembly District the ins and outs of credit, credit cards and credit scores. In the foreseeable future, he hopes to expand his reach and partner with local schools and host workshops for students.

Ultimately, Shaquille aspires to own multiple businesses in order to affect positive change in the world on a grand scale.

Honoring our Community Leader

★ ★ ★ *Thomasina Bushby* ★ ★ ★



Thomasina Bushby along with her parents Thomas and Josephine Bushby and siblings, Kenneth, Stradford, and Pamala invested in a private house in the Morris Heights section of the Bronx in 1968. Ms Bushby's upbringing occurred in the Sugar Hill section of Harlem where her past experiences included dance performances, college education, volunteerism, practicing her profession, civic engagement and celebrating her ethnic cultural pride. Her parents always stressed the importance of homeownership, education, strong work ethic, and self sufficiency. With their direction, Ms. Bushby and her siblings have attained a college education, own homes, worked in the corporate, government and nonprofit sectors.

Ms. Bushby received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from The City College(CUNY) in 1968 and Masters Degree from The Brooklyn College(CUNY) in 1997. As a Professor of Sociology and Social Sciences, to-date, she continues to prepare college students from the Bronx, Harlem and Brooklyn, for success in the professional world.

When Ms. Bushby moved to the Bronx, she immediately became active in organizational efforts such as advocating for the rights of tenants to have adequate housing, to own their apartment buildings ,and for proper health care and positive youth programs.

Ms. Bushby has continued to advocate for social justice, civic engagement and community preservation through her participation in SCLC Bread Basket movement, NAACP Bronx Branch, Black United Leadership of the Bronx, Jerome A Greene Democratic Club, South Bronx People For Change and the New York Archdiocese Office of Black Ministry, and Bronx Community Board Five.

As a result, she has help to promote, voter education projects, establish Primary Health Care Center, influence affirmative action policy, support crime prevention programs and circulate information on job opportunities and inform parents and students about educational scholarships.

Over the years, Ms. Bushby has provided many high school and college students and parents with mentoring and scholarship information. She believes that empowering individuals creates an empowered community which helps it to become healthy, thriving and prosperous. These outcomes leave a positive legacy for our children.

Ms Bushby is grateful to God, her Parents, Grandmother and Godmothers, Aunts, mentors and clients for helping her to become a better professional, Mother and a good neighbor.

Celebrating African Culture



West African Cultural Celebration

BRONX , N.Y. - Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner partnered with the Gambian American Network to celebrate African heritage with poetry, music, dance, food and ancient African Fables at the Latino Pastoral Action Center (LPAC).

The event featured a poetic performance by Mama Rashida and included an inspirational story about her life. Mama Rashida used her life as an example to highlight the importance of resilience and the strength we can draw from our ancestors. She emphasized how important it is to remember our past and heritage in order to secure our future.

Performer Salieu Suso and the African Story Project performed and told ancient West African tales accompanied by the music of West African musicians to bring life to the tale. During their individual performances the musicians told the long history of their instruments and how the instruments are the ancestors of our modern day instruments like the piano, drums, and guitar.

The musicians also played an ancient song to honor Assemblywoman Joyner before she walked up to speak. The song paid homage to the Assemblywoman's ancestors and parents, as is customary.



Assemblywoman Joyner Advocating in Albany

Language Access in the Courts:

“We All Speak Justice Here!”

BRONX, N.Y. - **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** led a panel of court experts to discuss the important and growing issue of language access within our court system during the annual New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislator weekend conference.

The panel detailed the language interpretation issues that tenants face on top of the stresses of eviction, parents struggling through Family Court proceedings, and defendants in criminal cases. Not to mention the issues that are created when interpreters do not accurately translate the complex legal jargon into the persons native tongue. Last year alone, court interpreters handled more than 14,000 hearings in 100 different languages.



“The growing linguistic diversity of our state challenges the court system and the advocates working to improve access to justice for all New Yorkers. Justice is meant to be universal and so should language interpretation services,” said Assemblywoman Joyner.

Advocating for Comprehensive Gun Laws



In light of all the mass shootings and, most recently, the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** joined with her colleagues to advocate for legislation to reduce gun violence in New York.

New York has historically been very progressive on gun control issues and a national leader in implementing comprehensive gun laws to curb the growing issue of gun violence. Data shows that States with strict gun regulations experience less gun-related violence than those that do not. This has led the NYS Assembly to present a package of bills to put New York one step closer to ensuring that all lives are kept safe from senseless acts of violence.

The bills include:

- 1) Banning “bump stocks” devices which allows semi-automatic rifles to function like fully automatic rifles (A8913) as well as increased regulation on the owning and sales of devices that increase the rate of fire (A8717).
- 2) Improving background checks by increasing the time from three days to ten days, requiring gun distributor employees to conduct background checks that are authorized to possess and transfer firearms, and mandating licensed firearm business to report attempts made by prohibited individuals to purchase firearms (A9068).
- 3) Prohibiting the sale of firearms to anyone who commits a hate crime (A7547) and establishing a new court-issued order of protection that will prohibit anyone deemed a risk to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm (A8976).
- 4) The “Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act” which prohibits those convicted of certain offenses against members of the same family or household from purchasing or possessing guns (A5025).

M.S. 325 - Urban School Academy

Assemblywoman Joyner Stands with Families on M.S. 325

BRONX, N.Y. - Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner was in support of parents, students, school staff, teachers and other elected officials to prevent the closure of M.S. 325. In a tight decision of 7 votes Yes and 6 votes No, the NYC Department of Education decided to close M.S. 325 - Urban School Academy. The decision comes less than a year after the closure of J.H.S 145, which is on the same school campus.



Initially, there was much skepticism about the Renewal School initiative that M.S. 325 was and now these same schools – in a program meant to help and support growth for the community – are the first one to be uprooted and a closed.



During another hearing regarding the proposed school closures (pictured left), **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** argued that, “With continued support and better investment from the Department of Education, this school can close the achievement gap and raise test scores. Believe in our students the way our parents believe in our students.”

A second closure would have a substantial negative impact upon the educational experience of the students and reduce their overall quality of life. In addition, there has been a growing trend of charter schools occupying spaces within public schools. This decision does not seem to represent the best interests of these Bronx children and their families.

“Consecutive school closures would leave the district with the stigma of failure. Having gone through this process before, I know uprooting these families have significant affects on their wellbeing,” said Assemblywoman Joyner.

FREE Tax Preparation

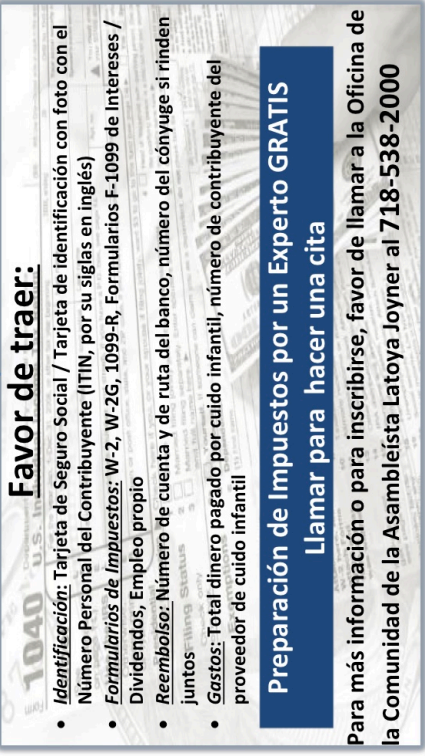


La Asambleísta Latoya Joyner
Presenta Preparación de Impuestos GRATIS
3rd Annual

Preparación de Impuestos Gratis para ingresos menores de \$66,000

Lugar:
Oficina de la Comunidad de la Asambleísta Latoya Joyner
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK, Bronx, NY 10451

Horario:
Sabado, Marzo 31 10am-5pm
Sabado, Abril 7 10am-5pm
Sabado, Abril 14 10am-5pm



Favor de traer:

- **Identificación:** Tarjeta de Seguro Social / Tarjeta de identificación con foto con el Número Personal del Contribuyente (ITIN, por su siglas en inglés)
- **Formularios de Impuestos:** W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, Formularios F-1099 de Intereses / Dividendos, Empleo propio
- **Reembolso:** Número de cuenta y de ruta del banco, número del cónyuge si rinden juntos
- **Gastos:** Total dinero pagado por cuidado infantil, número de contribuyente del proveedor de cuidado infantil

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Para más información o para inscribirse, favor de llamar a la Oficina de la Comunidad de la Asambleísta Latoya Joyner al 718-538-2000

Proporcionado por:



New York State
Assemblywoman
Latoya Joyner



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Third Annual

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Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office located at:
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WHEN:
Saturday March 31 - 10am-5pm
Saturday April 7 - 10am-5pm
Saturday April 14 - 10am-5pm



Please Bring:

- **Identification:** Social Security Card/ ITIN PICTURE ID
- **Income Forms:** W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, Interest / Dividend Forms F-1099, Self-employment
- **Refund:** Bank Routing and Account Numbers, Spouse for Joint Return
- **Expenses:** Total Paid for Daycare Provider Provider's Tax Identification

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 Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner
 Presents:
Profesiones





Reciba preparación para:

- Destrezas para una entrevista
- Refinar su hoja de vida/Carta de presentación
- Ayudar a conectarlo con empleadores locales

Fecha y hora:
 20 de Marzo : 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lugar:
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RECEIVE COACHING IN:

- INTERVIEWING SKILLS
- POLISHING YOUR RESUME/COVER LETTER
- HELPING CONNECT YOU TO LOCAL EMPLOYERS

Date & Time:
 Tuesday, March 20 - 1PM – 4PM
Location:
 910 Grand Concourse,
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 OFFICE TO SET AN
 APPOINTMENT:
 (718)538-2000

Regular Resources

Every month Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosts Free Housing Legal Services and Tenant Support Services in her Community Office.

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal services are provided by the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) and are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

For more information, please see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000

 <p>Free Housing Legal Services!</p>  <p>Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs</p> <p>Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!</p> <p>N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns</p> <p>When: Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Where: Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK Bronx, N.Y. 10451</p>   <p>For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000</p>	 <p>Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit</p> <p>Tenant Support Specialists every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM</p>  <p>Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK Bronx, NY 10451</p> <p>Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Purposeful denial of essential services • Overcharges • Possible eviction <p>For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000</p>
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Housing Resources



Affordable Housing for Rent



NORWOOD GARDENS

117 Newly Constructed Units at 400 East 203rd Street, Norwood Bronx

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Transit: Trains B, D and 4. Buses BX3, BX18, BX32, BX36, BX40, BX42

No Application fee • No broker's fee • Smoke-free building • More information: www.stagggroup.com

This building is being constructed through the Mix and Match Program of the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

Who Should Apply?

Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be required to meet additional selection criteria. Applicants who live in New York City receive a general preference for apartments.

A percentage of units is set aside for:

- Mobility-disabled applicants (5%)
- Vision- or hearing-disabled applicants (2%)

Preference for a percentage of units goes to:

- Residents of **Bronx Community Board 7** (50%)
- Municipal employees (5%)

AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴	90% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴
	Studio	\$865	11	→	1 person		\$31,989 - \$40,080	\$1,049	3	→
1 bedroom	\$929	19	→	1 person	\$34,320 - \$40,080	\$1,320	11	→	1 person	\$47,726 - \$60,120
				2 people	\$34,320 - \$45,840				2 people	\$47,726 - \$68,760
2 bedroom	\$1,121	20	→	2 people	\$41,040 - \$45,840	\$1,591	15	→	2 people	\$57,155 - \$68,760
				3 people	\$41,040 - \$51,540				3 people	\$57,155 - \$77,310
				4 people	\$41,040 - \$57,240				4 people	\$57,155 - \$85,860
3 bedroom	\$1,289	9	→	3 people	\$47,452 - \$51,540	\$1,831	5	→	3 people	\$66,035 - \$77,310
				4 people	\$47,452 - \$57,240				4 people	\$66,035 - \$85,860
				5 people	\$47,452 - \$61,860				5 people	\$66,035 - \$92,790
				6 people	\$47,452 - \$66,420				6 people	\$66,035 - \$99,630
100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴	130% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴
	Studio	\$1,185	1	→	1 person		\$42,960 - \$66,800	\$1,321	1	→
1 bedroom	\$1,490	2	→	1 person	\$53,555 - \$66,800	\$1,660	5	→	1 person	\$59,383 - \$86,840
				2 people	\$53,555 - \$76,400				2 people	\$59,383 - \$99,320
2 bedroom	\$1,795	3	→	2 people	\$64,149 - \$76,400	\$1,999	6	→	2 people	\$71,143 - \$99,320
				3 people	\$64,149 - \$85,900				3 people	\$71,143 - \$111,670
				4 people	\$64,149 - \$95,400				4 people	\$71,143 - \$124,020
3 bedroom	\$2,066	2	→	3 people	\$74,092 - \$85,900	\$2,302	4	→	3 people	\$82,183 - \$111,670
				4 people	\$74,092 - \$95,400				4 people	\$82,183 - \$124,020
				5 people	\$74,092 - \$103,100				5 people	\$82,183 - \$134,030
				6 people	\$74,092 - \$110,700				6 people	\$82,183 - \$143,910

¹ Tenant pays electricity.

² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

³ Household earnings include salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

⁴ Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an application **by mail**, send a **self-addressed envelope to: Norwood Gardens, LLC. P. O. Box 9, Purchase NY 10577**. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **5/3/2018**. Late applications will not be considered.

What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an interview to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Interviews are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

Housing Resources



Affordable Housing for Rent

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