



Assemblymember
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Assembly District 44



April 6, 2018

Greetings –

I hope that those of you celebrating had a Happy Easter and that you enjoy a happy and healthy end to the Passover holiday. As you're probably aware, the Legislature and the Governor passed a \$168.3 billion budget last week for the upcoming fiscal year. [I detail some of the specifics within the budget here if you're interested.](#) Additionally, if you would like to view my remarks about the budget from the Assembly floor, [you can view that video here.](#)

Leading the Effort to Permanently Ban Fracking in the Delaware River Basin:

I, along with State Senator Liz Krueger and NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson, sent a letter to the commissioners of the Delaware River Basin Commission, urging them to implement a complete and permanent ban on natural gas development and hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and all related activities within the basin. The Delaware River runs through four states - New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware - and provides drinking water for more than 15 million people, including New York City.

The Delaware River Basin Commission is a federal-interstate agency formed in 1961 to manage the resources of the Delaware River watershed. The members of the Commission include the Governors of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware, and the federal government. Since a moratorium was enacted in 2010, the DRBC has had a de facto prohibition in place on all natural gas extraction projects in the basin, as well as associated activities including wastewater discharge and water withdrawals. However, new regulations recently proposed by the Commission would allow for some fracking wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal in the watershed, as well as the withdrawal of water to be used for fracking operations elsewhere.

Thirty-Seven other elected officials from the New York City area signed on to our letter calling for the Commissioners to revise the proposed draft regulations and enact this ban now. [You can view the complete letter on my website here.](#)

Important Traffic Safety Meeting next Monday:

On Monday April 9th, I am hosting a traffic safety meeting with Councilmember Brad Lander to discuss and hear your views on potential safety measures that should be taken at the Church Avenue and Ocean Parkway intersection in Kensington. [On February 27th, there was a tragic traffic crash that claimed the life of a pedestrian crossing Ocean Parkway at Church Avenue.](#) This intersection has seen tragedy take place before and having grown up just a few blocks away, I know how critical it is that city and state agencies investigate all possible solutions to make the intersection as safe as it can possibly be. Representatives from both the New York State and New York City Department of Transportation as well as the NYPD will be there to talk about the intersection, take your ideas, and discuss measures that they can take to prevent tragedies like this from happening in the future. Please find meeting details below:

Traffic Safety meeting: Ocean Parkway and Church Avenue

PS 130 The Parkside School (Upper School)

713 Caton Avenue

Monday, April 9

7:30pm to 9pm

Assemblymember Carroll, Councilmember Brad Lander, State DOT, City DOT & NYPD discuss the problems and identify solutions to make this intersection safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Please call Assemblymember Carroll's District Office to RSVP at 718-788-7221 or email carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

Responding to Islamophobia:

On April 3rd, I proudly joined a host of constituents and neighbors of all faiths led by Dr. Debbie and Naji Almontaser at Newkirk Plaza to distribute kufis and head scarves to morning commuters.



I joined this action in response to a hateful letter that was sent to Mosques around Great Britain designating April 3rd as “Punish a Muslim Day.” These hateful messages and Islamophobia will not be tolerated in the 44th Assembly District and the wonderful outpouring of support and love from neighbors at Newkirk Plaza was the perfect antidote to the hate that others were trying to spread.

New Americans Initiative at the Park Slope YMCA:



New York City's YMCA
**WE'RE HERE
FOR GOOD.**

IMMIGRATION KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

PRESENTED BY:

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs,
Assembly Member Robert Carroll, and
Council Member Brad Lander

SPEAKER: David Sosa and Peterson Napoleon

DATE: Thursday, April 12th

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Prospect Park YMCA
357 Ninth St.
Brooklyn, NY 11215

**Come and learn
about Temporary
Protected Status,
immigrants' rights,
and various services
that are available to
the community!**

Please RSVP to:

Nabila Khan
Director, New Americans Initiative
NKhan@ymcany.org
212-912-2375

Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

SAFE Event with Sanitation

Prospect Park

Park entrance at Park Circle (Parkside Ave and Prospect Park SW)

Sunday, April 8

10am to 4pm

[SAFE Disposal Events](#) provide New York City residents with a one-stop method to get rid of potentially harmful household products. You can drop off SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammable, Electronic) products. These include items such as:

- Automotive fluids
- Household Cleaners
- Unwanted or expired medication
- Light bulbs
- Paint
- Batteries
- Computers
- TVs

You can only dispose of residential waste. Commercial vehicles are not allowed.

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Community Board 14 Monthly Meeting

PS 249 Caton Avenue and Marlborough Road

Monday, April 9

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 14](#) board meeting is typically scheduled on the second Monday of the month at different locations during the year.

Forum on Long Distance Caregiving

Park Slope Center for Successful Aging

463A 7th Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues)

Monday, April 9

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Registration is required. Please contact Adina Segal at 718-596-8789x317 or by e-mail at asegal@jheightsandhills.org to register or for more information. As parents grow older, adult children are often faced with the difficult task of caring for their aging parents who live in other states. Collaborating with Heights and Hills, the Park Slope Civic Council is co-sponsoring a forum on Long Distance Caregiving, which will address such topics as how to find resources in distant locations as well as considerations related to navigating care. This program is funded by the NYC Department for the Aging.

72nd Precinct Community Council

Marien-Heim Senior Center

4520 4th Avenue

Tuesday, April 10

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [72nd Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Taste of 5th! Park Slope Fifth Avenue BID

Grand Prospect Hall

263 Prospect Avenue

6:30pm to 9:30pm

Tuesday, April 10

[Buy a ticket](#) to sample all the savory offerings from over 45 local restaurants and bars, dancing with our local DJ (who is also a police officer from 78th precinct) and a visit into our Speakeasy with a cool band: Hot Club of Flatbush! Charities participating: MS51, PS 39, PS 124, PS 118, PS 295, BAX, Fifth Avenue Committee, Brooklyn Pride, Brooklyn Dream Factory, Imani House, CHiPs, The Old Stone House, Good Shepherd Services, Park Slope Civic Council, President Street Garden.

Community Board 6 Monthly Meeting

Old First Reformed Church

729 Carroll Street (northwest corner 7th Avenue)

Wednesday, April 11

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 6](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the second Wednesday and the location moves around during the year.

Park Slope Civic Council monthly General Meeting

Montauk Club

25 8 Avenue

Thursday, April 12 (rescheduled due to holidays)

7:00pm to 9:00pm

The [Park Slope Civic Council](#) promotes the health, vitality and character of the Park Slope neighborhood and advocates for the interests of residents, businesses and others with a stake in the community. The Trustees' meeting, which is open to the public, usually takes place on the first Thursday of the month.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

P.S. ICYMI: the State passed a \$168.3 Billion budget last week. [If you would like to read my budget review, please click here.](#) If you would like to view [my remarks about the state budget from the floor of the Assembly, please click here.](#)

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