



Assemblymember
Jo Anne Simon
52nd District



Announcements & Upcoming Events

July 2018

A Message from Jo Anne...

We must do more to ensure that kids are safe on city streets and throughout the state. The Assembly has passed legislation that I cosponsor that would improve street safety by re-authorizing and expanding speed safety cameras near schools ([A07798 Glick](#)). However, the Senate leadership refused to act and pass this commonsense life-saving bill before the end of the legislative session. Instead, the Senate has instead proposed odd and less effective alternatives, including a temporary continuation of the cameras followed by funding for stop signs, and attempts to link the cameras to armed security guards at schools.

The data clearly shows that speed cameras drastically reduce speeding and injuries in those locations and are a highly effective approach to street safety. If this legislation to re-authorize the use of the cameras is not passed, the existing cameras will go dark toward the end of July. Only 140 of the city's 2,000 school zones currently have speed cameras. What we need right now is an expansion of this highly successful program to protect more children, not the elimination of the current cameras.

To get involved in the efforts to support speed safety cameras and call for the Senate leadership to allow a vote on this bill, please connect with Transportation Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets. Learn how to get involved, and what you should be doing to make yourself heard.

For more background on this issue, read this [BKLYNER article](#), [NY Daily News article](#), TransAlt press release. You can [listen to my statement on the Assembly floor here](#).

For community and policy updates, sign up for my email alerts by emailing simonj@nysassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Simon

NY Classical Theatre in Brooklyn Bridge Park, 7/24 - 7/29

Enjoy Shakespeare at Brooklyn Bridge Park! New York Classical Theatre is performing Romeo & Juliet in the park at Bridge View Lawn, Tuesday, July 24th – Sunday, July 29th (no show on Thursday). All performances begin at 7pm. Enter at Pier 1.

North Gowanus Public Visioning Session, 7/25

Please join us for this community meeting, including a discussion on the CSO tank facility, the remediation of Thomas Greene Park, and the temporary location of the pool. The meeting is hosted by Council Member Levin and the North Gowanus Visioning Committee and will take place at 313 Butler Street at 6:30PM. For more information, call 718-875-5200. I hope to see you there!

NYC Charter Revision Commission's Public Hearing, 7/25

The [New York City Charter Revision Commission](#) is hosting their next public hearing on Wednesday, July 25 at 6pm at St. Francis College, 4305, 180 Remsen St, Brooklyn. You may attend and provide feedback on issues important to you, including the Commission's [preliminary report](#). The Charter Revision Commission must review the entire Charter of the City of New York, hold public hearings in all five boroughs, and issue a report on recommendations to amend or revise the Charter. View the full [Public Meeting and Hearing schedule](#) here. You may also submit your ideas or testimony to [here](#) even if you cannot attend a hearing.

Information on Medical Access & The Rights of People with Disabilities, 7/25

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and Independence Care System are hosting an information session on your rights to accessible medical equipment, accessible medical facilities, reasonable accommodations, and more. The event is on Wed., July 25th, 2-4 pm, at 55 Hanson Pl., 9th Fl., Brooklyn. If you require accommodations including ASL interpretation, contact 212-244-4644 ext. 429 or visit their Web site.

Brooklyn Public Library's Young Adult Literacy Program

The Young Adult Literacy Program (YALP) is a rigorous supportive program for young adults, age 17-24, in the pursuit of the high school equivalency (HSE) diploma. In addition to academic prep, YALP offers work readiness workshops, service learning projects, and transportation support, when eligible. To determine eligibility for summer 2018 classes, you must attend one HSE screening at either the Bedford Learning Center, 496 Franklin Ave., 2nd floor or the New Lots Learning Center, 665 New Lots Ave., 2nd floor on July 25th, 26th, or 30th. For more details, go to www.bklynlib.org/yalp.

Family Caregiving Workshop at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church, 8/5

The New York Memory Center and Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church are partnering to offer this workshop on August 5th, from 11:15am to 12pm at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, 125 Summit St. between Henry and Hicks. All are welcome! For more information, contact Linda Ameroso: lma6@cornell.edu.

84th Precinct NCO Meeting, 8/13

Sector D of the 84th Precinct is hosting their Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) public safety meeting on Monday, August 13th, at 6:00pm at Mia's Bakery, 139 Smith Street (light refreshments at 5:30pm). Come and discuss your public safety needs and concerns with your local law enforcement officers. To find your NCO Sector, visit <https://buildtheblock.nyc/>.

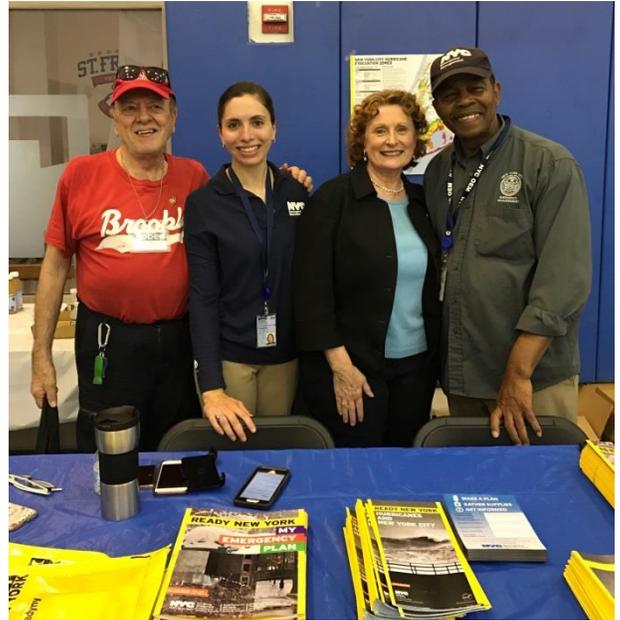
Save the Date for the 76th Precinct NCO Meeting: Wed., 9/19/ 2018, 6:30pm, 7:00pm at Cobble Hill Nursing Home, 380 Henry Street.

Students in Grades 8-12 are invited to join our new Youth Policy Council! Please spread the word about this program that connects students with elected officials. Students will have an opportunity to share their ideas on legislative bills and programs that affect the lives of young people and New Yorkers. This is a year-long, volunteer program that will benefit students from throughout the community and the elected officials and their staff by bringing the academic world and the practical world together. We encourage all high school students to apply as soon as possible or the fall session. I am coordinating the Youth Policy Council with Council Member Stephen Levin, Senators Brian Kavanaugh and Velmanette Montgomery. Applications can be submitted here: <https://www.youthpolicycouncil.com> or you can email my office at simonj@nyassembly.gov.

Senior Resource Fair 2018: It's a Wrap!

Thank you to everyone who attended my 4th Annual Senior Resource Fair at St. Francis College, especially during the heat wave! Special thanks to St. Francis College for hosting the event, our 60+ fantastic vendors, and to our Town Hall panelists, Council Member Mark Treyger; Marta Marquez; an avid user of the Park Slope Senior Center; and Karol Tapias, Associate Executive Director for LiveOn New York. If you missed the event, contact my office for a list of the vendors, simonj@nyassembly.gov or 718-246-4889.

I was so impressed by the scope and quality of programs provided by the vendors, including many new programs, that we will be featuring their services in my newsletters to spread the word about the programs. One of the great programs at the fair was the Brooklyn Public Library's Our Streets, Our Stories project. In collaboration with Services for Older Adults and the Brooklyn Collection, the library is chronicling decades of neighborhood transformation in Brooklyn from oral histories of our neighbors. To learn how to share your story, call 718-236-1760 or email OSOSproject@bklynlibrary.org. To hear the stories, visit <http://ourstreetsourstories.tumblr.com/> or <https://soundcloud.com/ososproject>.



Free Summer Meals for all Youth 18 Years Old and Under

Participating schools, pools, parks, and libraries will provide free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 years old and under until August 31st. No registration, documentation, or ID is required to receive a free meal. [To find participating location and check out menus, click here.](#)

Public Commenting Period for NYC Consolidated Plan – Housing

The Consolidated Plan is the City's annual application to the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development for its four formula entitlement grant programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. NYC Dept. of City Planning (DCP) will hold a 30-day public commenting period from July 12th to Aug. 10th, with a public hearing on Aug. 10th, at 10:30 am at DCP's Hearing Room, Lower Concourse, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. To view the plan: www.nyc.gov/planning. To submit written comments: Charles V. Sorrentino at the Department of City Planning, 120 Broadway, 31st Fl, New York, NY 10271. Email: Con-PlanNYC@planning.nyc.gov.

Community Education Council (CEC) 15 Looking for a Student Member

CEC15 is seeking a student member who is looking for a way to engage in the community and give their input about public school education in District 15. If you know a high school student who will be a senior this fall, they are eligible to be a CEC15 student member! To apply, email cceinfo@schools.nyc.gov for an application. The deadline to apply is 9/30. To learn more about CECs: <http://nycparentleaders.org>.

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