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Message from the Assembly Member

As the holiday approaches and we begin 2020 let me take this opportunity to wish all of the residents of the 59th Assembly District, a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season. I hope that 2019 is a shining moment for all. I look forward to continue serving as your Assembly Member and my office and staff stand ready to be of assistance to one and all.

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Hon. Jaime Williams Member of Assembly 59th Assembly District

Community News

Kids on the Move World Read Aloud Day



In celebration of World Read Aloud Day I, along with the NYPD, FDNY, and Councilman Alan Maisel, participated in this year's Read Aloud Day. I had the opportunity to read the story entitled "The Mitten" to P.S. 203. P.S. 312 and P.S. 115. All of the students received mittens and winter hats donated by my office.

P.S. 312 Summer Reading Challenge



PS. 312 Scholars received a certificate and a back-to-school pencil case filled with fun items for the school year all to celebrate their achievement in reading and dedication to education.

Vital Brooklyn



As part of Governor Cuomo's initiative for Vital Brooklyn, P.S. 115 hosted the first phase of their Community Playground which was designed by these remarkable engineering students.

It was a true honor to be part of this groundbreaking event. Commissioner Erik Kulleseid, NYS Senator Roxanne Persaud, NYS Senator Kevin Parker, District Leader Sue Ann Partnow, Playground Program Director Mary Alice Lee (The Trust for Public Land), Principal Lee and their phenomenal student speakers all addressed the remarkable achievement.

Community News (cont'd)

2019 Shred Event

The need to shred important, personal and confidential documents does not end, and residents of the 59th AD were invited to bring mail and other documents containing personal information to be shredded and securely disposed of courtesy of AARP.





Dental Screening

Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures joined forces with New York State Assembly Member Jaime Williams to showcase the importance of utilizing, implementing and maintaining good oral health habits to local elementary school children. Against the backdrop of a bright summer day at the end of the school year, a "fire engine red" dental screening truck pulled up in an almost magical capacity and helped screen the numerous students of P.S. 276 and Success Academy.

Legislative Grants



I am proud to announce the securing of capital grants for the Glenwood Senior Center, the Cleanup Programs for Jamaica Bay Waterways, the Jewish Association Serving the Aging – Hebrew Educational Society JASA Center for Seniors, and My Time Inc., a program for families that have developmentally disabled family members. These grants have allowed the various agencies to secure needed services and equipment to help further their mission in helping so many.

One of the "crown jewels" that I was able to secure was for the Gerritsen Beach Fire Department's fleet – a brand new state-of-the-art ambulance. This modern life-saving behemoth was secured through a \$250,000 grant for the Gerrittsen Beach Fire Department for the purchase of a brand new ambulance/emergency response vehicle.

2019 Bluefish Festival



The 2019 Bluefish Festival celebrates our local waterway of Jamaica Bay with the youth of P.S. 276. This festival at the Canarsie Pier could not have been held without the generous assistance of Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy and the Famous Nick's Lobster House.

Student Environmental Stewardship Program



The first meeting of our newly implemented Student Ambassador Environmental Stewardship Program was a roaring success! Each young Ambassador represented a school from our district. Special thanks to our partners Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy, NYC Aquarium and Millennium Development.

Coastal Cleanup



Throughout the year we joined the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy to conduct 7 Coastal Cleanups leading the preservation of our beaches and local wildlife.

Environmental Conservation and Action

As the importance of our environment is constantly stressed it is incumbent upon all of us to inculcate our children in the proper preservation of our environment.

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Agricultural Resurgence



Hosted by Institute for Rural Vitality, I along with a multitude of elected officials including, Senator James L. Seward 51st S.D., Brian Barnwell 30th A.D. Brian Miller 101st A.D., Brian Manktelow 130th A.D., Stephen Hawley 139th A.D., Michael J Fitzpatrick 8th A.D., John Salka 121st A.D., Robert Smullen 118th A.D., observed the importance of farming to New York State. We saw firsthand the contribution that New York's farms add. Evident to all those in attendance were the obstacles that New York's farmers are currently enduring and facing.

P.S. 276 Garden Festival



celebrating their Annual Garden Festival. The children harvested the fresh fruits and vegetables that were grown to further put the garden to sleep for the winter.



Compost Giveaway

In addition to the above I am honored to have co-hosted with NYC Councilman Alan Maisel, a compost giveaway through the Department of Sanitation, New York's strongest compost program. The green thumbs of the 59th Assembly District and 46th Council District became apparent as the constituency lined up to receive free unsifted and natural compost.

Glenwood Senior Center, FDC Glenwood Cornerstone and Bayview Tenants' Association Tulip Festival



Celebrating the Fall Tulip Festival planting with the Bayview Tenants Association, Glenwood Senior Center and the FDC Glenwood Cornerstone.

New York State Resolutions



In furtherance of the wonderful achievements of the organizations within our great state we have recognized the efforts of these agencies and took note and resolved through the NYS Assembly to recognize their achievements. Some of this year's recognitions included World Wetlands Day, World Oceans Day, and an important achievement for New York State through Resolution 90307-01-9 – the International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for peace, development, and most importantly, equality.

The United Nations and New York State through its adoption of the resolution 73/25 "International Day of Education," demonstrated the unwavering support for inclusive, equitable and quality education for all. In so doing, the 59th Assembly District and New York State along with the international community emphatically shouted that education plays a key role in building sustainable and resilient societies, and contributes to the achievement of all.

Legislative Updates

As the 2020 Session approaches, I want to share some bills pending before the Assembly that I have put forward fighting for the rights of our district namely the following:

BILL NO.	BILL SUMMARY
A-5764	Makes technical corrections to certain shellfish regulations and includes scallops as species for purpose of proper handling.
A-6370	Expands the definition of "tenant" for the purposes of notice during a foreclosure action.
A-6390	Provides test preparation for 7th grade students having scored no higher than a 4 on either the ELA or math exam with intent to take a specialized high school admissions test.
A-6393	Requires the Department of Labor, and any other entity, to produce a report regarding summer youth employment funded by state, federal and local appropriations.
A-6491	Authorizes mass transit entities including the MTA, LIRR an Metro-North to provide a 25% percent discount for college students.
A-6850	Grants a tax deferment for persons sixty-five years of age or older who own and occupy real property in N.Y. city.
A-6851	Requires a mortgagor to provide notice of imminent foreclosure to tenant and prospective tenants.
A-6852	Relates to including bodegas and delicatessens in the definition of food service establishment.
A-6853	Prevent overnight school bus parking on NYC streets.
A-6854	Relates to requiring weather radios in all new motor vehicles sold within the state with a model year of 2022 or later.
A-6855	Requires the disclosure of prices and additional charges at appearance enhancement businesses which practice nail specialty.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 718-252-2124 if you have any questions.

Union News

Our unions are a cornerstone of our Assembly District and through our union representatives our voices are heard. This past year local unions and I have held conference discussing several issues that have allowed for better working conditions and stressed the importance of our hard working residents.



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