



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

August 14, 2020

Securing Funding for the Commercial Lease Assistance Program

On Tuesday, I participated in Mayor de Blasio's daily briefing to discuss the \$1.5 million in renewed funding for the NYC Commercial Lease Assistance Program, which aims to help small business owners manage their commercial leases. Back in June, the administration announced citywide budget cuts included a loss of funding for the Commercial Lease Assistance Program. I contacted the Mayor's office and the Department of Small Business Services, urging the city to reallocate funds to keep the Commercial Lease Assistance Program afloat. The Mayor and SBS Commissioner Jonnel Doris complied and secured \$1.5 million for this crucial program.

Since it launched in 2018, The Commercial Lease Assistance Program has provided free legal advice and help for over 800 businesses.

During the COVID pandemic, approximately 200 businesses from marginalized communities have been assisted with services including:

- Lease Renewals
- Lease Reviews
- Landlord Harassment
- Lease Amendments
- Lease Assignments
- Lease Terminations

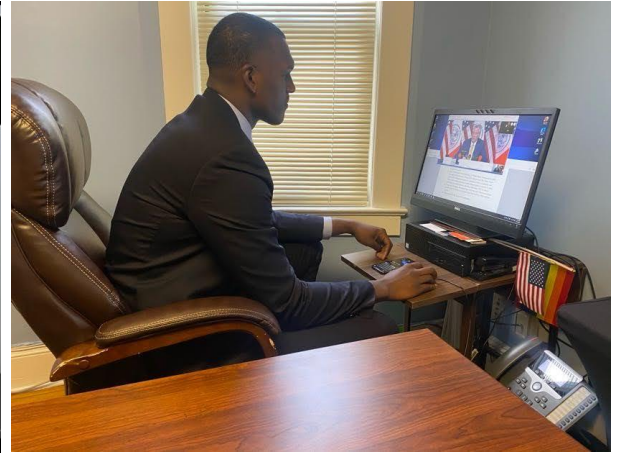
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We are in this fight together to help those most in need. I want to thank Mayor de Blasio and SBS Commissioner Jonnel Doris for acknowledging my recommendation for securing funding for the Commercial Lease Assistance Program. I would also like to thank the city for its efforts to secure funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Both the city and state have worked tirelessly to assure that our communities thrive during these difficult times. We need to be vocal and send a message to Washington D.C. to make sure that adequate federal money is allocated to New York State to assure that we can continue to pass and save essential programs

that will aide our small businesses, working and middle-class families and the most vulnerable populations.

[Click here and skip to the 13:30 time stamp to watch as I speak on the impact of the Commercial Lease Assistance Program.](#)



Summer Mobile Office Hours

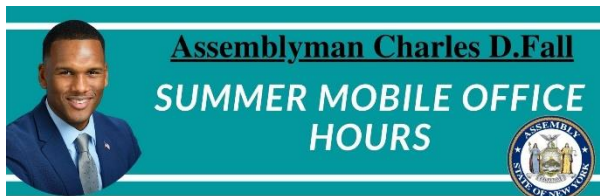
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Upcoming Mobile Office



CONSTITUENT SERVICES COMING TO
A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

Tompkinsville

Wednesday, August 19th

382 Bay Street
1:00PM- 4:00PM

Stapleton

Thursday, August 20th

514 Bay Street
9:00AM- 11:00AM

Elm Park

Friday, August 21st

2134 Richmond Terrace
1:00PM- 4:00PM

- Complete the 2020 Census
- Receive Covid-19 Updates
- Unemployment Insurance Support
- Free PPE and Hand sanitizer and more

For more information, please contact
Parnellj@nyassembly.gov or (718) 442-9932

Positive Community Contribution

Food insecurity is a problem many New Yorkers face every day. On Staten Island, we're fortunate to have several community pantries, food banks, and residents committed to feeding food insecure neighbors. Alexandra Shoneyin, a resident of Mariners Harbor, and several friends, Folashade Fakoya,

Oksana Bento, Nia Simone Smith, Maimouna Faye, Irima Ajang, and Jasmine Chong, had a desire to promote love and community thorough food which led to the creation of the COMEunity Fridge. The fridge, located at the corner of Forest Avenue and Amity Place, aims to provide residents with a secure place to donate or attain healthy meals.

With the help of Our Hearts NYC, the COMEunity fridge has been overwhelmed with donations and volunteer efforts in support. If you or anyone you know is experiencing food shortages or is in the position to donate, stop by the corner of Forest Avenue and Amity Place.



Updates from Albany

The New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) is a program on the state level that Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature created to support small businesses.

This fund is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.

- Small businesses and nonprofits must employ 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.

- Small businesses must have gross revenues of less than \$3 million per year.
- Nonprofits must provide direct services and have an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million per year.
- Have not received a loan from either SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for COVID-19 in 2020.
- Qualifying businesses can [**click here**](#) to visit the New York Forward Loan Fund site and learn more.

In May, the Legislature was successful in passing and enacting into law, legislation that would give short-term but immediate protection for all New Yorkers facing hardships during the pandemic.

- **A.10522/Chapter.125:** Enacts the "Emergency Rent Relief Act of 2020" to establish an interim residential rent relief program for low-income tenants. The program will issue a subsidy for tenants who were rent-burdened prior to the COVID-19 pandemic or are paying more than 30 percent of their income toward rent and are now experiencing an even greater rent burden due to a loss of income.
- **A.10290-B/Chapter.127:** Prohibits the eviction for nonpayment of rent of residential tenants who have suffered financial hardship and were in arrears on rent while New York on PAUSE imposed restrictions in their county. The tenant would remain liable for the rent owed, but this legislation will ensure New Yorkers are not made homeless due to these extraordinary circumstances.
- **A.10351-B/Chapter.112:** Require New York State regulated banking institutions to grant 180 days of mortgage forbearance, with the option for an additional 180 days, on a residential mortgage on their primary residence to any mortgagor who can demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **A.10252-A/Awaiting Delivery to Governor:** Permits municipalities to defer certain property taxes during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and will also permit installment payments to be determined by the local legislative body. No additional interest or penalties will accrue during such deferment.
- **A.10521/Chapter.108:** Prohibits a utility corporation or municipality from terminating or disconnecting services to any residential customer for the nonpayment of an overdue charge for the duration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency. This moratorium will last 180 days from the expiration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency for those residential customers that have experienced a change in financial circumstances, and the utility corporation or municipality

- must offer such residential customers the right to enter into or restructure, a deferred payment agreement without the requirement of a down payment, late fees or penalties.



To learn more about the legislation that we have passed [click here](#).

Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. **New York City has launched its first-ever tenant resources portal to help renters avoid eviction.** This **new Tenant Resource portal** is free and accessible to all NYC tenants. Tenants are prompted to respond to a series of questions about their unique circumstances and are directed to the most relevant resources, such as help navigating an illegal lockout or eviction. The portal also has up-to-date information on the general status of evictions in New York City Housing Court. Tenants who do not have access to the internet can call 311 and ask for the “Tenant Helpline.” **Under new eviction guidelines, no evictions can take place until October 1, 2020.**
2. **Bowling alleys can reopen at 50% capacity starting Monday, August 17.** Low-risk indoor cultural activities, including museums, aquariums and other cultural arts in New York City are permitted to reopen starting Monday, August 24. **Face coverings, social distancing and other safety protocols are required at all times.**

3. **Individuals traveling from states and territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 must be quarantined for 14-days from the time of the last contact within the identified state.**

Here is an updated list of states flagged on the travel advisory - Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Wisconsin

4. **Locations to get tested for COVID-19:**

- **Use the DOH map to find all of the State-run testing sites.**
- **Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC.**
New Yorkers who have symptoms or questions about Coronavirus can call to connect to a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 am - 9 pm.
- **Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. Click here to learn more, or call (844) 692-4692**

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. If you experienced a power outage, beginning on August 4, that lasted for more than 48 consecutive hours due to Tropical Storm Isaias, you may file a **reimbursement request for food and prescription medication**. ConEdison may provide reimbursements for the loss of food spoiled due to a lack of refrigeration up to a maximum of \$540 as well as the cost of damaged prescription medication.
2. **NYCHA** is making it easier than ever to apply for rent hardship assistance. To apply, **click here to visit NYCHA's self-service portal** or call **718-707-7771** and select menu option 5 when prompted.
3. **Project Hospitality** is offering legal services, if you or anyone you know is in need please contact **mriviera@projecthospitality.org** with your name, phone number, and the type of legal service you need to book a virtual appointment with one of their legal providers.

4. **Community Health Action of Staten Island** has released its **Mobile Food Calendar for the month of August**. Review the flyer below to find a location near you to get access to healthy, nutritious food for you and your family.

 **Mobile Food Pantry August 2020**

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5. **Project Hospitality Soup Kitchen Service** - Every Sunday Grab and Go meals from **5:30 pm - 6:30 pm** at Assumption Church located on **15 Webster Ave, New Brighton**.



6. **CAMBA HomeBase** is an organization dedicated to assisting anyone facing eviction, housing court, and rental arrears. Staten Island residents should call the CAMBA Staten Island office, 718-226-0496, Monday- Friday from 9 am to 4 pm to get answers to all questions and concerns.

- CAMBA also offers “Financial Wellbeing” tele-sessions- clients should contact their case managers to initiate a referral.
- **[Click here to review the CAMBA COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)**

7. Small Business Resources

- Several NYC Agencies have composed an **NYC Open Restaurants Program Checklist for Participating Establishments** to help restaurants know what NYS guidelines they should adhere to.
- **The NYC Department of Small Business Services Virtual Compliance Consultation Session: Open Restaurants Program** offers no-cost virtual compliance consultations to help you understand how to comply with key City rules and regulations to avoid receiving common violations. **Click here to request a consultation.**
- **Free virtual business courses for new entrepreneurs** - SBS offers free business courses to help New York City entrepreneurs develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to succeed in business. Many of the courses are available in non-English languages, including Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Korean, Haitian Creole, French, Bengali, and Arabic.
- **Staten Island Chamber of Commerce** is collaborating with Start Small Think Big to offer free legal and financial services from top professionals. **Learn more and sign up here.**
- **Staten Island Business Outreach Center (SIBOC)** is working with small businesses with any assistance they may need; small business owners can **call their office at (718) 816-4775** or **info@siboc.org** to a virtual one to one business meeting.

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. **The Central Family Life Center's YouthBuild IMPACT** program helps open doors to career training and job opportunities. This free program, for youth ages 17-24, will assist in achieving a High School Equivalency Diploma and securing entry-level employment. Sign up today by **calling 718-273-8414 ext. 8** or **visiting 117 Wright Street.**



2. **Concerned about the upcoming school year and how to protect your children?** All parents are invited to join community organizers on **August 22 from 1 pm to 2:15 pm** for a virtual event to discuss students' health and safety for the upcoming school. **Please click here to register** to pick up a special PPE package and school supplies. Pick up will be on Tuesday, August 25 for those who register.



3. **Project Hospitality and El Centro de Inmigrantes** are hosting a community resource connection zoom call the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Join the next call on September 14th.



4. **The Seamen's Society Safe Passage Academy is hosting their Money Talks: Teens Edition.** This course is a financial workshop tailored to teens who are interested in learning about basic banking, credit, saving, and financial skills. The last workshops will be hosted on Friday, August 21st at 1 pm. **For more information please contact Michelle Arias, 917-383-1003 or Marias@seamensociety.org.**
5. **The Friends of Tompkinsville Park** are seeking an artist to create and spearhead a **Participatory Art project in Tompkinsville Park** themed around **Peace, Justice, and Healing**. They are seeking an artist that would engage the community in the creation of an art installation in the park (for display up to 1 year). The budget for the project is \$5,000. **The deadline to submit a project proposal is**

Friday, August 21. [Click here for additional details](#) or email TompkinsvilleParkFriends@gmail.com.

6. **Snug Harbor** is offering part-time and full-time employment at their historic 83-acre campus. [Apply here](#).



How To Help

Fill out your US Census today, it is quick and easy and will determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities. Go to my2020census.gov, call (844) 330-2020, or respond using the paper form sent to your home.



Wishing you all health and safety,

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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